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Ban on new prisoners likely

# Jail disruption feared after officers' vote

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

JAILS face more serious They believe lack of staff was a disruption with a prison prime cause of the riot in officers' decision to take industrial action, six weeks after the end of the

Strangeways siege. a sharp increase in the held in police cells. David responsible for prisons, said such action would put the public at an unnecessary risk.

Last night the Home Office said leaders of the Prison Officers' Association had been invited for talks and that the union had suggested the campaign would not start for a week. "We hope this time will be used for some commonsense second thoughts and that the POA will respond to repeated invitations for talks."

Groups with close contacts with prisoners, including the Howard League and the Prison Reform Trust, fear that any action could prompt more jail riots, since tensions are still running high in some prisons in the wake of the April disturbances.

Union leaders are aware that they have embarked on a most regrettable and would high-risk strategy, but think public opinion is on their side.

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Manchester that led to a 25-

Mr John Barrell, the union's chairman, indicated that offi-The vote, by about five missions at overcrowded jails to one, is expected to mean and prevent "troublesome" a sharp increase in the inmates, such as those innumber of prisoners being volved in the recent disorders, from being transferred. De-Mellor, the minister tails of the campaign are to be

finalised tomorrow. The union said: "No action is planned which would effect prisoners within the system. Our primary aim will be to prevent overcrowded estab-lishments becoming more overcrowded and unsuitable prisoners being placed in unsuitable establishments."

For the union, barring admissions at overcrowded jails, commonly known as a "lockout", has the advantage of partly deflecting Home Office come on stream later this year. criticism of its sanctions, even if prisoners have to be kept in

Mr Mellor said a lockout of inmates could lead to some three thousand prisoners being held in police custody. "Police cells are not as secure as prison cells, and the public would be put at unnecessary risk," he said. The action was divert officers from crimetackling duties. Nearly a thousand prisoners are in police custody because of the damage to Strangeways and local

union disputes. The Police Federation urg-ed the government to prevent prisoners being housed in police cells. Policemen were fed up to the back teeth of acting as surrogate warders, it said. "Keeping prisoners for long-term detention in police cells is inhumane on the prisoners and their families and causes major disruption in police forces.

Frances Crook, director of the Howard League, said: "The important thing is to prevent industrial action because there will be more disturbances." Apart from rioting, there was a risk of inmates committing suicide or mutilating themselves. "Any industrial action the prison officers take hurts prisoners first, not the Home Office," Ms Crook said. She urged David Waddington, the home secretary, to use his executive powers to release prisoners with less than six months to serve if pressures began building dangerously in police cells and jails. In such circumconsider converting disused army camps.

Prison officers voted by 10,103 to 2,446 for industrial action short of a strike. The union claims the Home Office has dishonoured its obligations under the 1987 fresh start agreement, under which overtime working for officers was to be phased out in stages by April 1 1992. It says the department has failed to make up half of the cover lost in overtime cuts by increasing staff levels.

After the Strangeways riot Mr Waddington agreed to bring forward the recruitment of 200 officers due to have The union says 600 more an needed immediately, with more next year.

The Home Office said that since the Conservatives came to power in 1979, prison spending had increased by 58 per cent to £1,140 million. The prison population had risen by 14 per cent to 45,742, while the number of prison officers, excluding governors and assistant governors, had increased by 46 per cent to 20,500, including 3,300 recruits during the past three years. Eight new jails had opened; fourteen were in the pipeline and two more were

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# Local control call on policing cash

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT THE way provincial police the number of officers re-

them to seek extra manpower whether they need it or not, the Audit Commission said yesterday in a critical report. Calling for Whitehall officials to make an objective assessment of forces' manpower needs, the report also says police manpower and finance are too tightly controlled by central government. As a result, the traditional influence of chief constables and local authorities over

policing has been eroded. Police authorities, the report says, never fail to submit value for money could be bids each year for extra officers because the grants they receive from central government more than cover the higher staff costs. In recent years, however, the Home Office had approved only half

forces are financed encourages quested. The system also delays capital spending schemes and penalises forces which seek to "civilianise" posts in an attempt to reduce costs. Last night, the Association

of Metropolitan Authorities welcomed the commission's judgment that the Home Office was allocating too much power to itself over policing but dismissed the commission's proposed alternative as equally flawed. However, Sir John Wheeler, chairman of the Commons select committee on home affairs, said better ensured if policing was 100 per cent funded from Whitehall.

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sworn in but fear

rules From Christopher Walker

IN BUCHAREST ION lliescu was inaugurated as Romanian president yesterday amid deep scepticism about his commitment to democracy and to human and

minority rights. The ceremony was overshadowed by a boycott by the United States prompted by mob violence by pro-govern-ment miners. The European Community was represented at ambassadorial level. Michael Atkinson, Britain's ambassador, however, denied any split on policy between

London and Washington. "I heard some good words spoken in the speech. But we are looking for deeds in Romania to follow up the words," Mr Atkinson said.

Opposition leaders were critical of Mr Iliescu's speech in which he justified calling in the miners because of army and police weaknesses.

"The speech was not only economic with the truth, it was a traves; v of the truth. said Ion Ratiu, the failed presidential candidate of the right-wing National Peasant party. "He said that the miners were brought in to restore law and order: that is not what

There was little attempt at the ceremony to disguise the renewed power of the Securitate. A row of 100 soldiers standing guard were given orders to march by a Securitate agent dressed in a crumpled suit and tasteless off-white shoes which has long been the mark of the Romanian secret police.

# Ligachev hints that Gorbachev should go

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AS COMMUNISTS from the that the party has not been been evident since the antiset up a separate Russian Communist party subordinate Soviet position on German to the Soviet Communist reunification, or about the party, President Gorbachev was yesterday given a foretaste of the opposition to his leadership he will face at next month's party congress.

In a fiery address to the Russian party conference, Yegor Ligachev, who is regarded as leader of a conservative faction in the Politburo and enjoys undiminished popularity among rank and file party members, accused Mr Gorbachev of taking crucial political and economic the party and hinted that he should resign. "One cannot head the party, this leading force, without dedicating all

Mr Ligachev's call reflects the widespread feeling inside and outside the party that one man should not be state president and party general secretary at the same time. But it also revealed the deep resentment of party officials

one's time to it," he said.

icy, including changes in the government's now-postponed programme for economic reform, which incorporated steep price rises.

The economic programme was compiled by the government and submitted to the Supreme Soviet, It was considered by Mr Gorba-chev's presidential council but was not discussed as many had expected at a party Central Committee meeting. Mr Gorbachev's apparent preference for working through decisions without consulting the presidential council and parliament, rather than through the party, was the subject of sharp condemnation by many speakers at the Russian party conference yesterday.

Some of the criticism clearly stung Mr Gorbachev, who was moved to intervene in the session to call for the dignity of the party and state leadership to be respected. His sensitivity on the subject has

# **Bush rebuff to PLO**

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

America's 18-month dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation because of its failure to condemn an abortive attack by Palestinian gunmen on a crowded Israeli beach on May 30.

For three weeks the US has pressed Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, to condemn the Iliescu scorned, page 9 raid and expcl Abul Abbas. Letters, page 13 whose Palestine Liberation raid and expel Abul Abbas.

PRESIDENT Bush was ex- Front was responsible. It was pected to announce early to- expected Mr Bush would only day that he was suspending suspend the dialogue, because halting it completely would undercut peace efforts by James Baker, the Secretary of

© NICOSIA: A senior PLO official said here he expects it to call for Arab economic sanctions against the US if Washington suspends its dialogue with the PLO. (AP)

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# Police hold 23 in worst World Cup violence



Robson: forced by injury to miss vital Egypt game

From JOHN GOODBODY IN CAGLIARI

AS THE police yesterday prohibited a march by England supporters to the stadium for the vital World Cup qualifying game against Egypt here tonight, 23 of them were detained in the port city of Olbia after fighting between England supporters and as many as 500

Italians in the city centre. England, without Bryan Robson, their captain, must beat Egypt to ensure a place in the last 16. A draw could bring elimination depending on other results and even on the drawing of lots.

Police said the incident in Olbia was a battle, even a war." It was probably the worst hooligan incident on the island since the World Cup began. Thirty riot police were forced to fire warning shots to separate the rival factions.

The trouble started when the local

Sardinians, celebrating Italy's victory over Czechoslovakia, began provoking a group of English supporters, some of whom had been drinking heavily. Bottles and stones were thrown. A police snokesman said: "We were able to catch the Englishmen, but most of the Sardinians escaped." One Sardinian was detained.

The England supporters will appear before a magistrate today charged with resisting arrest, causing damage, refusing to give personal details, fighting and being drunk in a public place. Their arrest brings to 151 the number of England supporters detained since the tournament began. Forty-four arrests have been confirmed.

Four of the six Englishmen held in the violence in Cagliari last Saturday have been released without charge. Mr Neil Egerton, from Liverpool, who broke a leg in that fracas, will be released from

hospital and flown home today. Mr Mark Chapman from Hemel Hempstead, has been given a six-month suspended sentence and sent home.

Not everything about the England followers is unpleasant news. Members of the Football Supporters' Association yesterday donated blood at a hospital in Caeliari to help those suffering from thalassaemia, a disease which particularly effects some Mediterranean people in their twenties.

The association, whose status as the authentic voice of the committed supporter is growing, plans to organise additional blood donations during the World Cup and has started a collection to help the centre in Sardinia which specialises in treating the disease.

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# Major proposes issue of Euro currency

By RODNEY LORD AND ROBIN OAKLEY

A RADICAL plan to issue banknotes denominated in the European Currency Unit (ecu) was unveiled yesterday by John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The aim is to take a practical step towards a common European currency while avoiding the infla-tionary dangers and surrender of sovereignly involved in the

Delors plan. The Chancellor's idea. which owes something to ear-lier suggestions from the British Invisible Exports Council, is to set up an institution called the European Monetary Fund (EMF), which would create an entirely new international currency. At present the Community does not issue ecu notes and the currency has no existence independent of the national currencies on

which it is based. Mr Major sees the new ecu as providing a "natural currency" for tourists and busi-

ness travellers. Colleagues believe it is ar ingenious combination, sig-nalling a more sympathetic approach from Britain while safeguarding economic sovereignty in a week in which the prime minister said that a single European currency, with the degree of sovereignty over economic policy that had to be sacrificed, was not for

her political lifetime.
The Chancellor's speech had been agreed in advance with Margaret Thatcher and, significantly, with Nicholas Ridley, the trade secretary, who has been leading a counter-attack within the Cabinet against what he sees as a drive by Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to push Britain into

the European exchange rate mechanism (ERM).

Mr Major's plans, flagged as Britain's contribution to the debate on economic and monetary union leading to the intergovernmental conference European Monetary Union (EMU) in December, were set out in a speech last night to the German Industry Forum.

Mr Major put forward two versions. The less ambitious would be for the new EMF to act as a currency board, only issuing ecu that were backed one for one by national currencies. His preference is for a more ambitious "hard ecu", a genuine new currency managed by the EMF through open market operations.

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# Cash for policing 'must be based on need, not number'

THE system of financing the cost of £230,000 a year will be establishment are effectively police fuels rather than curbs reimbursed to the tune of transferred to the Home Of-Spending pressures and breeds nefficiency, according to an Audit Commission report published yesterday. It has also seriously eroded the accountability of chief constables and local authorities for local police services, the

Most of the £2 billion of taxpayers' money which went last year to pay for policing the 41 English and Welsh provincial forces was granted simply on the basis of their staff establishments. The report says the allocation should be on the basis of local requirements, as crime patterns and population figures are

The report, which may become central to the intensifying debate within Whitehall about the future structure of policing, calls for an objective Other drawbacks of the system, the report says, are that it delays capital spending projects and penalises forces which, in the interests of efficiency, seek to "civilianise" certain posts to free uniformed staff for more use-

The report's criticism of the system's "perverse incent-ives" will be particularly embarrassing to ministers who have been pressing forces hard to civilianise more posts. It points out, as an example, that a force permitted to recruit 10 extra officers at a

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£287,000 by the government. However, if the same force recruited 10 civilian staff it would only receive £61,000, leaving £59,000 to be raised Pointing out that the only

spending lies in the home secretary's ability to veto requests for extra manpower. the commission adds: grant system has evolved in which English police authorities are always encouraged to bid for more manpower increases and are driven to employ even greater numbers of police officers".

Central government funds the police's revenue needs from two sources: an annual Home Office police grant and a policing element in the revenue support grant (RSG) provided each year to councils by the environment depart-ment and the Welsh Office.

Under the first and by far the largest of the two kitties. the Home Office meets 51 per cent of the police's net spending, whatever it is. The only condition is that, before force receives a grant, the Inspectorate of Constabularly must certify that it is efficient. No force has failed to meet this criterion in recent years.

This grant is then topped up March 31 1987, Whitehall officials took account of factors such as size of population and local crime rates when deciding what the police element should be in the RSG agreed for a particular authority. Since then the assessment has been based simply on the force's uniformed

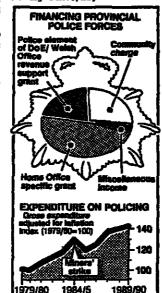
The lack of any objective analysis of force's individual manpower requirements, combined with the fact that the Home Office grant is open-ended, means forces have no incentive to be economical in their requests for extra manpower, the commission says. According to the com-

mission, the system also undermines the time-honoured "tripartite" approach to policing in Britain whereby control of the police is shared between the home secretary, chief constables and local authorities, but the local "points" of the triangle enjoy prime responsibility for deciding the size of forces. It says: "Decisions on police fice which can pick and choose between bids received, knowing that the demand for establishment increases stimulated by the grant system will always exceed that which

it is prepared to supply". The report also criticises goverment controls over police capital spending. Pointing out that these are more detailed than those governing almost any other local authority service, it says forces typically have to wait six years and sometimes up to 10 years for the government to give them a date on which they can start a capital project, such as the construction of a new

Claiming the case for a new funding structure is "compelline", the commission urges the Home Office to create a system centred on cash limits and an objective evaluation of individual force's revenue requirements. Salient factors would include the size of local populations and the amount "social deprivation" within

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Comparison between police and civilian

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Police Officers	€ per essnum	Civilians
Constable*	25,000	Clerk, scales

# Lateral thinker with a mission

By JOHN YOUNG

HOWARD Davies was ap-pointed controller of the Audit Commission in February 1987, a few days before his 36th birthday, succeeding John Banham, who became director general of the Confed-eration of British Industry.

The commission itself was established in January 1983 to investigate and report on the financing and spending of connected with the National Audit Office, which is respon-sible for all other aspects of public expenditure. Mr Davies joined the For-

eign Office in 1973 after duating from Oxford and the Stanford business school, California, From 1974 to 1976 he was private secretary to the British ambassador in Paris, from where he moved to the Treasury.

He left the civil service in

1982 to join the management consultants McKinsey & Co, but returned to the Treasury in 1985 on a year's sec-ondment at the invitation of Nigel Lawson.

He is married with two sons and describes his recreations as cricket and writing for publication. He is a member of Manchester City supporters

George Walden, Conservative MP for Buckingham, who has known Mr Davies since he was first secretary at the Paris embassy, described him yesterday as "intellec-tually restless and unable to plod". Unlike British bureaucrats, who tended to get stuck into a job at 21 and retire at 60 to play golf, Mr Davies was more in the French mould, a polymath forever looking for

'He has a great lateral grasp of things, whether it be the budget, the car industry or the state of the health service. I would say his politics tend to be radical conservative, by virtue of having been fairly left-wing when he was youn-ger," Mr Walden said. "He is a very civilised man with an excellent sense of humour, good company and



Windswept racegoers struggling against the elements at Royal Ascot yesterday

# Three-quarters of adults 'are paying the poll tax'

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

community charge in England may have been overstated, according to figures to be published next week.

Two surveys conducted independently for the government and the Conservativecontrolled association of district councils have found that almost three-quarters of eligible adults have paid at least the first instalment of their community charge bills.

The Opposition is certain to challenge the basis of the government's survey, which has been conducted among both urban and rural councils by environment department civil servants. The association's study will also come under fire because its 331 members exclude the innercity boroughs where as many believing there was no need to as 95 per cent of chargepayers are said to have defaulted.

Colin Farrington, director of the institute of revenues, rating and valuation said that even if the new figures were soundly-based, the rate of poll tax collections was too low to

said: "Under the rating system, 99 per cent of the tax was collected, so getting in even 85 or 90 per cent of the poll tax is not good enough. If we only get, say, 80 per cent of the poli tax collected this year, it will present a major financial problem for local government.

The highest levels of polltax default are in urban areas, particularly some parts of inner-London and Birming ham, where officials said half of those registered for the charge had failed to pay. In "capped" areas, chargepayers have been confused by legal action taken by councils against the government into

It would add as much as £80 to

£100 per person to the

Some of the capped councils vesterday went to the Court of Appeal to challenge last week's High Court ruling that Chris Patten, the environment

pay until the litigation was

THE public resistance to the avoid substantial increases in secretary, was legally entitled community charge in England charge levels next year. He to limit their charges. Roger Henderson, QC, for four of the councils, told the court that the government should have respect for local authorities' judgment in fixing community charge levels. It was not enough for a minister merely to disagree with that judgment to justify interven-

> Mr Henderson said local authorities plainly had the greatest knowledge and in-formation about the budgeting needs for their areas. If they spent months trying to work out appropriate budgets, only to have the secretary of state overthrow them because he disagreed, the councils' role would be negated. Mr Henderson said the

tion and cutting their budgets.

High Court judges erred when they held it was open to the minister "to consider excessive any amount which was more than he thought it

Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, suggested that a misunderstanding had arisen of the word "excessive" and that the councils' attack should be directed at the base line Mr Patten had used to judge what was excessive.

Mr Henderson replied: "The secretary of state did start from the wrong base line. Parliament has not given him a piece of rubber infinitely extendable or reducable by him. Excessive must mean something different from something with which he disagrees." The case continues today.

The latest attempt by a council to enforce payment of the charge through the courts led to all but one of 113 cases before magistrates at South Shields, Tyne and Wear, being adjourned. The Labour-controlled South Tyneside council has issued two thousand summonses for non-payment, but the only case dealt with yesterday was that of Tracey McGonnell, aged 24, from Jarrow who admitted liability. Magistrates imposed a liability order requiring deductions from her weekly social sec-

urity benefit. Kevin Miles, secretary of the northern region anti-poli tax federation, said: "It has been a total shambles. Many people took time off work to come to court expecting to have the issue settled. Instead they will have to go through the hassle all over again."

Anti-poll tax demonstrators on Humberside are today threatening to disrupt a hear-ing in Goole where 1,200 summonses for poll tax default have been issued.

# Maguire remanded in secret

DONNA Maguire, an IRA suspect, was remanded in custody yesterday for a further 30 days at a secret court hearing in Belgium.

She was taken from Antwerp prison to appear before an investigating judge for her second appearance since her arrest on the Belgian border with The Netherlands on Saturday.

Miss Maguire, who is charged with using a false name and false passport, and with criminal association, was originally remanded until Friday when she first appeared at the palace of justice in Turnhout on Sunday. The Belgian justice ministry said that it had not announced yes-terday's brief hearing because of security worries.

## **Bohan moves** to Hartnell

Marc Bohan, designer at Christian Dior in Paris for 28 years until he was dismissed last year, is to take over the task of reviving the fortunes of the Hartnell fashion house. His appointment as artistic director on a three year contract, at a reputed fee of £1 million, is expected to be announced on Monday.

## Petrol down 4p a gallon

Jet is to cut the price of fourstar by 4p to an average 192.7 a gallon from tonight. BP is also introducing a reduction of 3.6p a gallon. Other companies are expected to follow suit. Plentiful supplies mean that oil companies are buying petrol cheaper on international markets. The price of diesel remains unchanged.

## Jaguar strike

Jaguar workers will meet to-day to decide whether to accept pay cuts for giving up night shifts or carry on with a strike costing the company £5 million a day. More than 4,200 workers at the company's Browns Lane plant have been laid off because of a paint shop dispute.

## Aircraft jobs

British Airways said yesterday that it will build a £70 million aircraft maintenance base for its 50 Boeing 747 aircraft at Cardiff Wales airport. The project will provide 1,200 highly skilled jobs on a 75 acresite. Three maintenance bases site. Three maintenance han-gars will be built by 1994.

# Body found

Police searching for Ruth Stevens, a missing bride-to-be, were last night investigating the discovery of a badly decomposed body found in a comfield in Wellow, near Bath, 18 miles from her family home at Westbury. A man is awaiting trial charged with her murder in December.

## First aid alarm

Most parents could not cope if their children suffered a serious injury, according to the St John Ambulance. It asked two thousand people what to do if their child was poisoned, choked, or suffered head injuries or severe bleeding. Only 32 per cent knew the correct treatment in each case.

## Pollution inspectors to be free By RICHARD FORD AND FRANCES GIBB GOVERNMENT law officers group of Spanish fishermen for the first time in our

agents By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT THE Inspectorate of Pollution is to be made independent

from government in the environment white paper to be published in September. The watchdog body for industry set up in 1987 has had a history of senior resignations, poor morale and low

resources. Mr Chris Patten, the environment secretary, hopes to breathe new life into the troubled creation of his predecessor, Mr Nicholas Ridley, by making it an executive agency under the "Next Steps" programme. It will leave the environ-

ment department, have the freedom to criticise the government and prosecute offending companies, which it has rarely done. The inspectorate will also be able to raise its own resources from the pollution licences it grants to heavy industry, and so take on more staff. Mr Patten hopes it will have "real teeth."

Eventually it may be merged with the successful National Rivers Authority, set up last year to accompany privatisation of the water authorities. It demonstrated its independence by a string of prosecutions including that of Shell, the oil company, which was fined £1 million for polluting the River Mersey. Mr Patten foresees the same sort of high-profile role for the pollution inspectorate, which will keep its name but have a new home and an expanded staff and will be headed by a

chief executive instead of an environment under-secretary. Merger of the two bodies is natural because their remits overlap, but is unlikely before the next election. It may be the beginning of an independent environment protection ag-ency, like the EPA in the United States. Mr Patten wants to stimulate discussion of the idea in the review in the white paper of Britain's environmental institutions.

From next January the inspectorate's principal task with be administering inte-grated pollution control being introduced in the Environmental Protection Bill.

# Law officers prepare reply to EC ruling on UK laws

and the Foreign Office were discussions to prepare a response to a European Court of Justice ruling that allows the freezing of national law until its compatibility with EC leg-islation is tested.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, leader of the house, will come under pressure today to provide parliamentary time for a de-bate on a ruling that has confirmed the fears of anti-EC MPs at the surrender of British sovereignty to Brussels.

As officials and Sir Nicholas Lyell, the solicitor general, met yesterday to consider the ruling, the Speaker rejected demands from angry MPs for an emergency debate. After protests from Conservative and Labour MPs, the Speaker said the matter was of vital importance concerning the sovereignty of parliament and he hoped time would be found to address it.

The judgment on a case referred by the House of Lords to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg has far-reaching constitutional implications as it reinforced the principle that Community law takes precedence over UK

claimed legislation introduced national history the im-in 1988 to stop "quota hop- position of a ruling which in 1988 to stop "quota hop-ping", under which British quotas were plundered by British-flagged vessels with no genuine link with the country, is in breach of community

The Foreign Office last night said the government's position on the ruling was still being considered and admitted the ruling had "potentially wide-ranging consequences". Teddy Taylor, Conserva-tive MP for Southend East,

said the constitutional implications could be horrendous. Urging the prime minister to intervene, Mr Taylor said: "This is one of the most frightening things that has happened since the time of King Charles. It means the EC can suspend any British law it is investigating. It is nonsese for parliament to go ahead passing laws if they can be suspended, willy-nilly, if peo-ple complain against them."

In the Commons several Conservative and Labour MPs condemned the ruling. Richard Shepherd, Tory MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, said the ruling had set aside the British constitution as people acts of parliament. The ruling had understood it for several was made in a case in which a hundred years. "We have had

overrides the sovereignty of the British people," he said.

The ruling was welcomed by Charter 88, a pressure group demanding the incor-poration of the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law. Lord Scarman, the retired law lord, called for a written

constitution in the wake of the ruling. He said the decision "exposes once again the necessity for a properly drawn, written constitution and a supreme court, one charged with the duty to interpret and apply the constitution".

David Harris, parliamentary private secretary to Sir Geoffrey Howe and chairman of the Conservative backbench sub-committee on fishing, said: "The practical effect of the ruling is to allow some 100 boats which are basically Spanish-owned and which were rightly removed from our register by the Merchant Shipping Act, the right to apply to our courts for permission to start fishing again pending the final judgment by the European Court."

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Roger Dean with his "Green by Design" home of the future at the Green Show

# fishermen bankrupt By RAY CLANCY

Spanish

THE lengthy legal dispute over the rights of Spanish fishermen to register vessels in Britain and fish in British waters has led to at least a dozen trawler owners going bankrupt.

Spanish fishermen last night welcomed the European ruling. However, they fear that the government will again challenge their case and they said that further legal delays could harm their livelihood even more.

The issue is highly charged, with British fishermen, already faced with diminishing cod and haddock quotas, relying on the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 to stamp out what they see as Spanish "quota-hopping". The fish caught by these trawlers count against British quotas yet they are usually sold in Spanish or Italian ports. The legality of the act is being examined by the European court

Some of the Spanish fisher-men, who used to operate out of Milford Haven, Dyfed, and Plymouth, have run up big debts. The most desperate have resorted to fishing il-legally in an attempt to maintain loan repayments on their £500,000 boats.

# BNF is accused as Green Show opens

By CRAIG SETON

out yesterday at the opening of the Green Show, the United Kingdom's biggest exhibition for companies and organisations committed to protecting the environment.

British Nuclear Fuels is one of 300 exhibitors who have taken stands at the five-day show, the first of its kind in the country, opened by David Trippier, the environment minister. But Friends of the

A DISPUTE over the presence of British Nuclear Fuels broke out yesterday at the opening of would not participate if BNF was present.

As the show opened at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, an anti-nuclear organisation placed a bucket of sludge at the entrance to the BNF stand, saying it was contaminated mud from the Ravensglass Estuary, close to the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria

Earth and the Green Party accused the organisation of being a polluter. The organisers of the event confirmed that 40 ultra-green organisations that might cumbria.

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Staff shortages led to a gap

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death, the enquiry found. The

case to be transferred, the

"The issue of the handover

of the case was clearly critical.

staffing levels should be such

that there should be a lengthy delay in finding the new

The British Association of

Social Workers said: "This

review has shown very clearly

that social workers must be

given the tools to do the job."

worker and handing over.'

did not get through.

Council cuts

blamed for

baby's death

THE death of a girl aged three staff involved in Stephanie's at the hands of her drunken case was not always good, the

quiry into the case alleged in protection for Stephanie at

The wretched life of Steph- ents' relationship was breakanie Fox ended last year when ing up four months before her

father may be attributed partly enquiry reported.

to council cash cuts, an en-

her father shook her to death,

where she slept in a broken

cot. Stephen Fox, aged 23, a caretaker, was jailed for life in

March for the murder of the

girl, who had spent most of her life on the council's at-risk

The enquiry found a num-

worth, where the Conser-vatives won a landslide local

commissioned by the Wands-

worth area's multi-agency

child protection committee,

crucial part of her "protection

discovered that Wandsworth

was operating a cash-saving

scheme of filling only two in

five day nursery staff posts.

worker recruitment and the

inability to fill vacancies or

cover staff sickness, some-

times as a matter of policy,

Last night Joan Lestor, Lab-our spokesman on children, said: "This is a tragic example

of how a system designed to

help children like little Steph-

anie can be sabotaged by a local authority which accords

children such a low political

priority and puts low poll tax

rates at the top of their

Mike Rundle, social services director, admitted more than 10 children at risk in Wandsworth had no social worker allocated to them

because of staff shortages,

though he said councillors

would not sanction any cuts in

child protection. But Sue

Adcock, the local Nalgo repre-

sentative, said the council was

seeking to cut £5 million from

its social services budget to

Margaret Lynch, a member

of the panel, said shortages of

health visitors and social

workers, which played a part

in the case, were part of a

worsening national problem

During the trial the court

was told that Stephanie had 70

injury marks on her body and

a history of bruises and burns.

Professor Stevenson said the

tragedy was caused by a series

of interlocking factors, and

added: "Nothing we have seen

us to the inescapable conclu-sion that it [Stephanie's death]

The enquiry found that 30 incidents of bruising were recorded in Stephanie's short

life but they were detailed in

different files. The enquiry

recommended that all injuries

recorded on one chart. Com-

stop buying certain goods. visitors, medical and nursery

could have been predicted."

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caused by government-im-posed cash limits.

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# High Court backs synod on divorced priests law

enge to the two senior archbishops of the Church of England over moves to allow the ordination of remarried

Mr Justice Hoffmann dis-Mr Justice Hoffmann dismissed a move by four mem-plaintiffs' solicitor, said after passed in 1987. He granted the archbishops of York and Canterbury an order "striking out" the writ issued by the four, who face costs of tens of ands of pounds.

Church lawyers had used laws dating from the time of Henry VIII and James I to clarify a constitutional point that could affect up to 240 would-be ordinands who are divorced and remarried.

The four were contesting the legislation because it was not passed by a two-thirds majority. The canon, passed by 139 votes to 65 in the house of clergy and 125 votes to 77 in the house of laity, will allow remarried divorcés and men married to divorcées to become ordained if they obtain special leave from one of the two archbishops.

The four who brought the action were Canon Roy Porter, former professor of theology at Exeter university, Margaret Brown, of Luck-hurst, Mayfield, East Sussex, Michael Coombs, of Bournemouth, and Trevor Stevenson, of Crowborough, Sussex. After the case, Mrs Brown's husband, Hubert, said consid-

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# **Minister** commends self-denial

PEOPLE are tired of selfishcent, president of the Method-had been passed when it ist Conference, said yesterday gained a simple majority. Miss (Ruth Gledhill writes).

a return to self-denial; said: tion measure passed by the "Humanity cannot afford any Commons this year, having longer the self-centred vict- been initially rejected last imisation of other people by year to extend the divisions be-

Addressing the ministerial session of the conference in thirds majority. Cardiff, he said: "We are superior about the old methodist rules on drink and of Canterbury, said: "This gambling, but at least they gave some tangible and recognisable difference to

methodist disciples." He said the search for selffulfilment had led to "the ther decisions made by an aimless expansion of the rich, archbishop in charge of a who have no criteria by which to determine that some things as the court will not investiavailable to be bought, done gate procedural rulings within or experienced are simply not the Houses of Parliament, so

worth the candle." The alternatives to self-gate rulings given in the denial had led to "the yobbos general synod." on the football pitch or the push their opponents down",

A HIGH Court judge yes-terday rejected a legal chall-to costs before they decided to costs before they decided whether to appeal. The church has given an undertaking not to seek a Royal Licence for the legislation until the legal action is resolved.

bers of the general synod to the case: "This is a matter of overturn church legislation constitutional importance. It is the thin end of the wedge with regard to what has been happening in the church. We feel that the church has let down many of its members by allowing the passing of this canon to permit the ordaining of clergy who may be married to divorcées. We felt we had to take the only course open to us, to challenge by a court declaration what the church is

> "So many people are disillu-sioned with the Church of England. They think it is failing to give a moral lead in a society which we feel is looking to the church for a moral lead. Priests should have unblemished credentials. If a man goes into the priesthood, he should set high standards. This has been the understanding throughout the history of the church."

The four wanted clarification over whether the legislation was approved legally by the synod because it was not presented under the 1974 Worship and Doctrine Measure. That requires any new canon deemed to interfere with the rubrics of the church in the Book of Common Prayer to obtain a two-thirds majority in the voting Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, for the archbishops, said that as the wording of the rubric had not been changed, a two-thirds majority was not necessary.

Dr John Habgood, Arch-bishop of York, ruled when PEOPLE are tired of selfish-ness and the search for mater-ial riches, the Rev John Vin-February 1987 that the canon Cameron argued that that was Dr Vincent, who called for legal under the clergy ordina-

those with money, so that Mr William Gage, QC, ar-private profits can be amassed gued for the plaintiffs that impediments to ordination tween rich and poor. The rich listed in the rubic of the Book must begin to deny them- of Common Prayer were in selves, to take a journey essence being changed by the new canon, and should therefore have required a two-

> Miss Cameron, ex-officio vicar-general for the province challenge also raises the question of the extent to which members of the synod can come to the court and seek for the court to determine whesession can be challenged. Just the court should not investi-

She said the new law was Stock Exchange, fighting to not intended to be a carte blanche to anyone to come along who has been divorced.



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Lena Rozova, from Leningrad, tending an injured hedgehog at the St Tiggywinkles wildlife hospital in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. Lena, aged 18 months, was brought to England by the British Science and Technology Trust for an operation to connect nerves in her shoulder that were dislodged at birth (Mark Souster writes). Olga Rozova, Lena's mother, wrote to Professor Paul Cook, president of the trust, asking for help after she read about a group of Soviet children taken to Britain by the trust. The operation was performed free by David Hunt, an orthopaedic surgeon at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, London, last week.

fingers and within three months should have reasonable if not full movement of her arm. The trust, which helps to promote environmental causes, is planning to finance a St Tiggywinkle's hospital in Leningrad, the first outside Britain. It will pay for a Russian vet to train in the techniques used at the

PETER TRIEVNOR

# Slaughtermen give shoppers avoid evidence on BSE scare' foods

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

six months ago no abattoirs

attempted to remove brains

Tongue and cheek meat would

be cut out and the cattle heads

"Renderers paid us for the

then started charging us £80 a

lower the charge by removing

weight of the head. This saved

about £1.30 an animal," Mr

Cracknell said. He believed

slaughterers could "live with"

that about 5 per cent of cattle

always decapitated first and

the head is taken well away

meat is removed before split-

ting in order to extract the

brain. There is no possibility

of subsequent contact of the

brain with the carcass or the

head meat," they said.

Slaughtermen estimated

SLAUGHTERMEN said yes- ness at Blisworth, in Northterday that some abattoirs amptonshire, said that until split open cattle skulls and remove the brains, but they said the methods used ensured there was no risk of brain tissue coming into contact sold with brains intact for with the rest of the carcass and infecting the meat with "mad bone meal. cow" disease.

Members of the Association heads at £10 a tonne. The of British Meat Processors, situation changed when bowhich represents the country's vine brain was declared a biggest abattoirs, appeared be- prohibited offal. Renderers fore the Commons enquiry into bovine spongiform en- tonne to dispose of the heads. cephalopathy with officials of Some abattoirs sought to the National Farmers' Union, lower the charge by removing the Meat and Livestock Com- the brains so as to reduce the mission and the Institution of Environmental Health Officers. Nick Hibbett, a senior environmental health officer specialising in meat legisla- a ban on brain removal. tion, told the enquiry that his organisation was concerned about "the practice of remov-ing, or otherwise handling, the abattoir, but "the careass is brain of the bovine animal which we view as a potential risk to public health". The from the slaughter line. Head practice was "not necessary and should be expressly

Speaking for the slaughtermen, Richard Cracknell, who runs a beef processing busi-

prohibited".

By RICHARD EVANS, MEDIA EDITOR

MORE than a third of shoppers are abandoning beef, eggs or pâté, according to a survey published today. Many are also avoiding chilled foods, tap water and chicken, with a quarter disregarding scares. manufacture into meat and

Food and the environment are the most politically im- turn the food manufacturing portant issues concerning the and retail world on its head British housewife, and four out of five blame the government for food safety prob- tively wooed."

lems, the report says. The survey, carried out by the advertising agency Stew-art, Smith, Deighton, Cox in conjunction with Network Research, involved 525 "housewives" and six group discussions. Housewives are defined as people in charge of

The agency says it has identified a "new breed of **FOOD SAFETY** 

activists", who spontaneously cite food safety as a problem and adopt measures such as

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buying food in a home.

Products being avoided by shoppers Avoided beef — 38% Avoided eggs — 37% Avoided pade — 36% Chilled bade — 31%

buying organically grown fruit. Richard Block, who commissioned the research, said these younger, more affluent women "are going to

Blame for lack of food

safety was put on manufacturers (68 per cent), chemical companies (60), food preparers, including consumers (58), and farmers (53). The government was held most to blame by a quarter of those interviewed, and half expected ministers, rather than manufacturers or farmers, to pro-vide solutions. Asked to name food problems, 55 per cent said BSE, "mad cow disease" or beef. Eggs (20 per cent), salmonella (14) listeria (10), E

numbers (8), general hygiene and tampering (7.5 each) and chilled food (5.5) were also mentioned. Seven out of ten to children at risk should be believed they could do something about food safety, with munication and co-operation the favourite remedy being to between social workers, health

### Last night, Elizabeth Howlett, chairman of social services, denied a paper had gone to the social services department recommending £5 million cuts, and pledged no services would be cut in Wandsworth. The council announced plans to set up a borough-wide team of child protection specialists.

She added that where son, professor of social work and communications strengthening they would be given the highest priority.

# Woman hurt in bomb attack

A WOMAN was injured yesterday by one of two parcel bombs sent to English-owned businesses in north Wales. Meibion Glyndwr (The Sons of Glyndwr) claimed respon-sibility for the attacks.

The woman suffered injuries to her hand when she opened the parcel at the Land and Marine shop in Abersoch, Gwynedd. It is believed to be the first time anyone has been injured during the campaign by Welsh extremists.

In the second attack an identical package stencilled and marked private was sent to the proprietors of an English-owned restaurant in Dolstaff became suspicious and took the parcel to the police who recognised the writing as the work of Welsh activists

Jonathon Saddington, the restaurant owner, said: "Normally anything marked private would have been put under the counter and it may have lain there for a couple of days. Goodness knows what could have happened. These fanatics who carry on like this are not doing the Welsh any good at all."

An English holiday home on Forestry Commission land near Dolgellau was severely damaged by fire at the weekend but police are still not sure if it was the work of extremists. The campaign against English-owned homes and businesses has has been going on for more than 10

# Yachtsmen saved by RAF

TWO yachtsmen were winched to safety by an RAF belicopter yesterday as their boat sank during a race across the Atlantic. A helicopter crew flew from Brawdy, Dyfed, to the crippled yacht Sprint, 240 miles southwest of Bantry Bay, Ireland. John Blawn and Simon

Chance were trying to keep their boat affoat during a gale after its keel and rudder were damaged. They were bailing out until the Sea King helicopter winched them to safety. The pair, who had been

competing in a transatlantic yacht race, were flown back to Ireland. "It was a race against time to save the yachtsmen,' an RAF spokesman said. Margaret Thatcher found

herself caught up in a coastal rescue operation yesterday when the life-saving demonstration she was attending became a rescue off the coast of Cornwall.

Mrs Thatcher had just watched an air-sea rescue exercise on board the lifeboat Faithful Forester when the Fowey harbourmaster had to dispatch the vessel to rescue a

sinking yacht. The lifeboat delivered a salvage pump to the stricken yacht Slipshod, which was taking in water half a mile off the harbour entrance. None of the crew recognised the prime minister, who was wearing a

life jacket and head scarf. The incident served to highlight a national coastal safety campaign, with the aim of reducing the thousands of accidents in British coastal waters each year, unveiled yesterday by Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary.



# Man in death pact 'took wrong pills'

the wrong pills, a jury at Sheldon, into believing he had Birmingham Crown Court been an SAS officer.

was told yesterday.

When the characle was in

Robert Osborne, aged 43, was racked with guilt when his lover, Helen Sheldon, aged 32, died as a result of their alleged death pact. "I feel it's all my fault," he told a detective. Osborne, of Bathurst, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, denies murdering her. He has admitted charges of possessing a firearm and ammunition.

Birmingham Crown Court was told how Osborne created new identity for himself being depressed. He called himself Colonel Robert J. Osborne (retired) and bought

# A BOGUS SAS colonel SAS regalia. He allegedly wanted to kill himself by duped his family, Mrs Sheltaking an overdose but took don, and her husband, David

in hospital.

When the charade was in danger of being exposed, Osborne took Mrs Sheldon to a motel in South Witham, Linconshire, where they agreed to die together, Michael Hubbard, QC, for the prosecu-tion, said. Both took overdoses but Osborne recovered

> Yesterday, Police Constable Gerard Foley told the court of a conversation he had with Osborne at Grantham police station five days after his arrest in September last year. Osborne allegedly told him: "I remember taking a lot of drugs and Helen coming into the hotel room.

"The drugs I took were the wrong ones. I expected to die then, but they weren't strong enough. I thought 'bloody A £1.3 MILLION investment 35 Victorian paintings made drawn at £950,000 (estimate hell', I'm still alive after taking all those drugs. Helen came in and said she wouldn't let me overdose myself. If I went, she wanted to be with me and we should go together.

"She was so besotted by me and said she didn't want to live without me. So we decided to go together, but the poor darling is dead and I'm alive. I feel really guilty about it. I feel it is all my fault."

officer that Mrs Sheldon used drugs that she had confiscated from him the previous day. The trial continues.

# Regiments' fate will not be known before end of year

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

end of the year or even later ling Dragoon Guards. before they learn which of Yesterday Mr Allan amalgamated, it emerged

Although there was relief among army officers that the government's options for trained soldiers to identify change would not destroy the with their localities and with regimental system, the warning that some regiments would ments," he said. have to go and others merged caused much speculation.

Defence ministry sources 31 emphasised that no decisions cavalary and 113 of infantry. had yet been taken. Ministers Over the years, however, were aware, however, that it some of the most famous was important not to delay titles, such as the Highland announcements too long be- Light Infantry, have gone. cause of the risk of undermining morale, the sources said. The 16 armoured and 34

infantry regiments are expected to be the main focus of of infantry regiments were any changes. The future of the amalgamated to form single, Brigade of Gurkhas is also two-battalion regiments, each being examined in the op- with a county designation. tions-for-change review. Of the 75 regiments, two will be ready amalgamated include: excluded from the study, the The Blues and Royals (Royal SAS and the Ulster Defence Horse Guards and The Royal Regiment.

Seven of the tank regiments (10th Royal Hussars and the are equipped with the old 11th Hussars), and the Royal Chieftain tank, which is to be Regiment of Fusiliers (The replaced by a limited number Royal Northumberland Fuof either the British Chal- siliers, The Royal Warwick- to fall on individual regilenger 2, the American M102 shire Fusiliers. The Royal ments, recruitment perfor-Abrams or the West German Fusiliers and The Lancashire mance could be the key to Leopard 2. There would be Fusiliers). considerable resistance from One of the infantry regi-those regiments if they were to ments which has never been of selection would be to look

Yesterday Mr Allan Rogers, them are to be disbanded or an opposition defence spokesman, said that Labour also believed in the regimental system. "It's important because it helps recruits and the traditions of their regi-

> At the height of British imperial power, the army had regiments of regular

In 1881, there were sweeping reforms imposed on the regimental system by Edward Cardwell, under which pairs Some of the regiments al-

Dragoons), the Royal Hussars

The 1st Royal Tank Regi- origin to independent com- have the best records," he ment, The 4th Royal Tank panies raised in November said.

THE army's 75 regiments Regiment, The Royal Hussars 1688. The largest amaimight have to wait until the and The 5th Royal Inniskil- gamation of any unit in the British army is The Queen's Regiment. The regiment was formed on December 31 1966 by the amaigamation of the Oueen's Royal Surrey Regiment, the Queen's Own Buffs, the Royal Kent Regiment, The Royal Sussex Regiment and the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

However, those four were themselves the result of four previous amalgamations dating from 1959. Today's regiment consists of 10 foot regiments, which existed before the Cardwell reforms of 1881,

The warning of cuts in army regiments was given by Archie Hamilton, the minister of state for the armed forces, in the Commons on Tuesday. Defence experts yesterday sugsested other options, such as reducing the number of battalions within regiments.

Andrew Duncan, of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said: "Some of the infantry regiments have three battalions. Perhaps some of these battalions could go while maintaining the regimental tradition."

Colonel Duncan said that if ministers decided the axe had deciding which ones should be chosen first for disband- amalgamated is The Green at the long-term recruitment ment. The regiments include Howards, which traces its records and retain those which

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John Blawn and Simon Chance after an RAF helicopter winched them off their sinking yacht

# Art pays off for pension fund By JOHN SHAW

in Victorian paintings 15 years
ago brought a £5.6 million with premium, in a sale that

Two pictures. return for British Rail employees in a sale of 19th-century pictures and drawings at Sotheby's in London.

Maurice Stonefrost, chief executive of the BR pension simply that the market in fund, said: "The pensioners should feel quite confident after this. It represents a good return in cash and real terms."

The fund made a £40 million investment in a variety of works of art in the late 1970s unsold, largely accounted for £1.100,000, a record for the but has sold more than 60% of by a Jacques-Louis David artist, going to an unnamed its acquisitions recently. The from another owner with-

totalled £10.2 million.

Mr Stonefrost said: "The of quite a lot of things in the last two or three years is these areas has been good." Ten pictures were unsold.

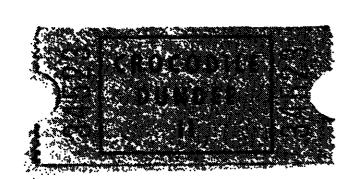
but Simon Taylor, a picture expert at Sotheby's, said the firm expected to sell several privately. The sale was 23%

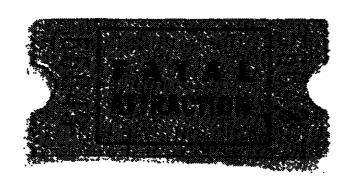
Two pictures show how shrewd the British Rail invest-

ment was; a pair of Albert reason we have been disposing Joseph Moore portrait studies entitled The Reader and End of the Story were bought for under £8,000 at Sotheby's in New York in June 1975, but were sold for £245,000 on Tuesday. Dante in Exile, by Frederic

Osborne allegedly told the Lord Leighton, the star of the fund's collection, made

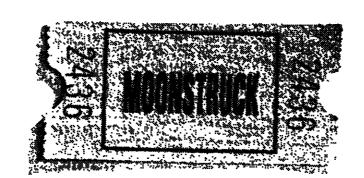
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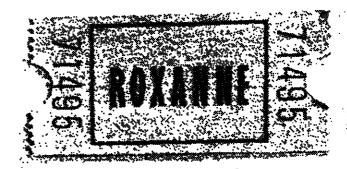


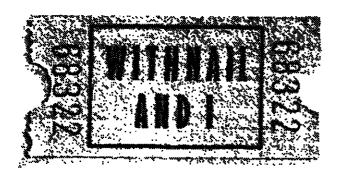




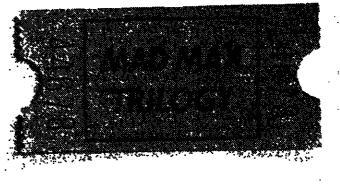




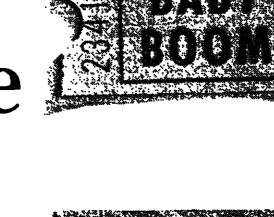


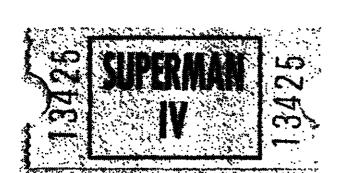


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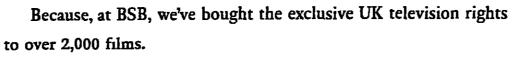






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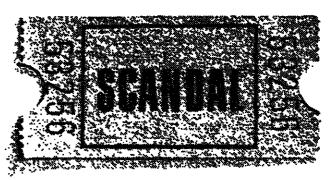
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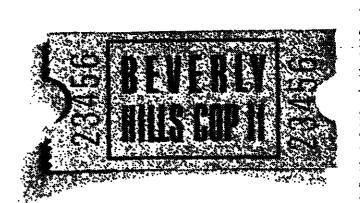
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# Parkinson explains case for postponing rail link proposals

The government's announcement that it was to postpone the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link provoked a barrage of criticism. Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary, defended the decision in an interview with Michael Dynes, our Transport Correspondent

Why did the government reject £2.6 billion of private capital for the Channel tunnel rail link? The consortium thought they could come up with a viable scheme and failed. From a viable project with no government money it became a project needing nearly £2 billion of taxpayers' money, leaving the risk of cost overruns with the public sector. What was put to me was a very different proposition from the one they set out to work up.

Are you not confusing subsidy with investment? No. We were prepared to approve up to £500 million in investment. But the consortium wanted a £500 million capital grant, £400 from Network South East, and the £1 billion we are spending upgrading the existing line converted into a loan. That £1 billion is going to generate a lot of revenue, and the consortium wanted to use it to finance the project.

Why did the Treasury agree to the Jubilee Line extension, and a new Underground line, and refuse to agree to the link? The rail link is different from Underground lines. They are evaluated almost exclusively on a cost benefit basis - reduction of congestion, safety, comfort. The rail link was on the understanding it would not be

We did take cost benefit into account, but we felt the benefits to Network

What is your response to critics who argue postponement of the project was not counter-trailing behind its continental counternement of the project has left Britain parts? Frankly, I'm surprised by the sheer misinformation about this project. Members of the CBI said it was a blow to hopes of high-speed freight through the tunnel. This was about a fast passenger link from London to Folkestone. Arrangements for freight are already in hand, and are totally unaffected by my statement last Thursday. If you take passenger services, there was also misunderstanding about coming from France in a super train, arriving in London, and getting on a tram. People seem to be unaware there will be a common pool of trains running in all three

When will we know how British Rail proposes routing the inter-capital trains into King's Cross from the North Downs? confirmed the line up to the North Downs, and said we will be protecting it. The compensation scheme for the original proposal through to King's Cross will stay in place. King's Cross will be the main second terminal. So we actually confirmed much more than we cancelled.

Will Britain have a high-speed rail link this century? We are all agreed there is a need for more passenger capacity in the southeast. I turned down a specific project which sought a 12.5 per cent real return for the private sector, and left very little return for the public money.

By the turn of the century we will need more capacity, and that is what BR is now working on.

Will the regions be excluded from the benefits of the Channel tunnel because of structure? The link and freight are separate issues. There has never been any possibil-

ity of freight trains running at TGV speeds. We have already ordered new freight trains, there is sufficient capacity to get freight to the tunnel, and these trains will be running at comparable speeds with those on the Continent. We are making arrangements to have modern freight trains serving the tunnel from a range of depots throughout the country. Freight arrangements are quite unaffected by my

Why are proposals for a rail link via Stratford not considered viable alternatives to BR's preferred route? That is being looked at again. But these proposals have never been argued for in terms of needing less subsidy or less finance. Some people say they could be paid for out of development gains. But recovering an investment of several billion pounds would mean a hell of a lot of development in the southeast, and that wouldn't be wholly acceptable.

the Law Society yesterday.

The government was simply

stating what could be done

already, the solicitors' society said. The proposals would not

help the substantial number of

women whose former hus-

bands were unemployed or self-employed. "If this is all

the government can think of,

it is not going to improve the situation very much."

In an exceptional sideswipe

at the government, the society,

which represents 60,000 mem-

bers of the legal profesion,

notes that as there appeared to

be "a distinct lack of willing-

ness on the part of the Home Office press office" to supply the Law Society with its press

realease on the proposals, the

society could not comment on the day these were announced.

Under present powers, an

attachment of earnings order

is usually made only when

someone paying maintenance

has fallen into arrears. It is

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# MPs attack inexcusable delays in immigration

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Office immigra-tion department is accused of and contrasts the depart-"incompetence" and "inexcusable inefficiency" in a
report by MPs cataloguing
delays, staff shortages and the
lack of computerisation in

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unless the department immigration procedures.

The report, published yes-service it may consider terday, demands government whether compensation araction including the possibil-rangements are necessary. ity of refusing aircraft landing rights to recoup £8.3 million owed by 144 carriers who are citizenship informed about liable for the costs of detaining and returning a passenger without a right of entry.

The MPs on the home affairs committee criticise the department for failing to provide an adequate service and says this creates the "understandable suspicion" that civil servants use red tape as a method of immigration control. They say: "The effectiveness and fairness with which the immigration and nationalmaintenance of good race relations within the United Kingdom and Britain's standing in the world."

The committee condemms the 27-month average wait for

# **Saunders** told to have a rest

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The Guinness trial did not sit yesterday, the second time in less than a week, because of health problems affecting Ernest Saunders (Paul Wilkinson writes).

On what would have been his tenth day in the witness box at Southwark Crown Court, the former chairman of Guinness complained of difficulties with his sinuses.

He was released for examination at Guy's hospital. A consultant recommended that Mr Saunders should rest and the judge agreed to adjourn the hearing until Monday.

Mr Saunders, Gerald Ronson, head of the Heron International Group, Anthony Parnes, a City stockbroker, and the millionaire financier Sir Jack Lyons all deny theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Women-only bus A women-only bus service, for those who are afraid to go out at night, is to be launched in Brighton, East Sussex, with the help of a grant from the town's Labour-controlled council.

## Canoe death

A canoeist taking part in an off-shore race died after drag-ging his boat on to a beach and collapsing. The 36-year-old man, who has not been named, was taking part in a race with the Ringwood canoeing club off Mudeford,

## Freedom of city

The brothers Sir Richard and Sir David Attenborough will tomorrow be awarded the freedom of the city by Leicester, their birthplace, in recognition of the contribution they have made to humanity through their work.

## Road rebuild

The Welsh Office yesterday said £1.5 million is to be spent on rebuilding more than two miles of dual carriageway on the A55 Bangor by-pass. which opened seven years ago.

## **Badger fears** Police in West Sussex fear

badger baiting is on the increase along the South Downs after three dead animals were discovered. They were found in woods near Storrington by a woman out walking.

# Pensioner dies

Joan Sharpe, aged 64, a pensioner, died after a fire at her home in Morley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, yesterday. No one else was in the house.



The department is urged to keep all applicants for British the likely completion date of their case by sending them information every six months showing how far their application has progressed.

Home Office officials told

the committee that they aimed to reduce the average waiting time for decisions on applications to 11 months by April next year, but the report expresses reservations about this ambition. It says that the target is based on workload forecasts that "have proved ity department (IND) per-forms its work affects both the hopelessly inaccurate in the past". The MPs demand that the government sets targets for registration and naturalisation

for the next three years. The MPs also say that the extra staff needed to register British citizens in Hong Kong should not lead to a cut in the numbers processing applica-They call for the Home Office

to lift its freeze on staff recruitment, whoch has been in force since September 1989,

and improve training.
They describe as a "deplorable state of affairs" the failure of computerisation within the department and express amazement that only one word processor is in use in the immigration appellate au-thority. "The tale of computerisation of immigration and

nationality work is a sorry one ... we believe that insufficient priority has been given to computerisation over a number of years in the IND as elsewhere in the Home Office," the MPs say.

After Labour MPs called for the report's recommendations to be implemented swiftly, David Waddington, the home secretary, blamed the delays in dealing with citizenship applications on the large influx of cases at the end of 1987, caused by changes in the

regulations. Peter Lloyd, the Home Office minister with responsibility for immigration, said it was "off beam" to describe the delays as hardship. "It may be irritating. It may be annoying, but if it does pro-duce difficulties we are always willing to bring these out and

Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said the report drew long overdue attention to the "scandalous way in which the government implemented immigration laws and used excessive bureaucratic delays as a form of

Home Affairs Select Committee report on Administrative Delays in the Immigration and Na-tionality Department (Stationery office; £10.25)

the brightly coloured ageing vehicles of

the travellers were parked down a grassy

track at Grateley, a solitary police van

kept guard at the entrance. Inside, the

Travellers emerged into the rain from

their tents and vans and decided that it

was up to each individual to make their

own way to the stones for sunrise. But at

policemen played cards.



Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, receiving an award from Chrissie Maher, director of the Plain English Campaign, yesterday for an advice leaflet given to debtors in county courts. The leaflet, What do I do?, was produced by staff of the Lord Chancellor's Department and graphic designers from the Stationery Office

# Private coal mines | Register urged of 'lax on pit safety'

DEATHS and serious injuries to miners are rising as the government boosts the number of private pits and British Coal comes under increasing pressure to compete with foreign mines, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said yesterday. Peter Heathfield, the NUM

energy committee: "If you go

down a private mine you will

find conditions similar to

those that prevailed in pre-

nationalisation days. Inspec-

tions are fewer and there

appears to be a very lax

attitude to safety standards."

Many private pit owners had bought up obsolete equip-

secretary, said the average risk British Islamic opinion and to of death in private mines over encourage Muslims in Britain the past four years was one in to resist assimilation. 800, the same as in 1900. compared with one in 6,018 in The parliament would be British Coal pits. There were part of a network of organ-18 deaths in British Coal pits isations, including an Islamic last year, the same as the year law commission, designed to before. However, the union secure for British Muslims the said that a smaller workforce right to practise their religion meant that the ratio was and to protect it from blasphemy, the right to halal food and the right to "dress in the Mr Heathfield told memproper Islamic manner". A bers of the the Commons

Last night no decisions had been

made. Police stopped groups of travellers

from going near the monument and

anybody planning yesterday to pay their

money and visit as normal were turned

away if they looked a little too like the

travellers. Two girls aged 16 from Liverpool, who claimed they were

curriculum is envisaged. Plans for the Islamic parliament, an assembly of invited "representative Muslims, are contained in The Muslim Manifesto - a strategy for survival published yesterday by the Muslim Institute, a pro-Iranian organisation. The institute's leaders, including Kalim Siddiqui, its director, support the fatwa issued by the late Ayatollah Khomeini against the writer Salman Rushdie. The edict,

Muslim education commis-

sion to monitor the national

Muslim

group

to set up

PRO-IRANIAN British

Muslim group which has been

behind much of the agitation

against the novel The Satanic

Verses said yesterday it in-

tends to set up an Islamic

parliament" to help to unite

death for alleged blasphemies in The Satanic Verses. The manifesto calls on Brit-

demanded Mr Rushdie's

# ment from British Coal and its

predecessor, the National Coal Board, Mr Heathfield said. He said that the NUM strongly opposed the principle of privately owned mines. In evidence to the com-

mittee, the NUM said: "Undermining the safety culture threatens miners' lives directly. The simple answer is that safety standards in the two parts of the deep mine industry, public and private, are a world apart."

In certain key respects "British Coal is losing its grip on safety and health," the NUM said. "One of the most important factors lying behind this has been the effect of demanning, especially underground."

The Britain record compared well with underground fatalaties among workers in foreign mines, particularly in South Africa and the United States. However, the NUM told MPs that British Coal's good record up to 1988 had now been reversed.

The union said: "The fact that this reversal coincides with a widely recognised dustry, faced with tremendous uncertainties in markets, the future of individual collieries and the government's commitment to privatise, is of even

British Coal reported 428 major injuries last year. The union said, however, that the figures did not include the

# now suggested that such or-ders be made when the di-vorce is settled. "This is not women at risk

THE Government is to seek to counter the growing epidemic of domestic violence in Britain by urging police forces to maintain registers of women at risk in the same way that local authority social services departments keep registers of children at risk.

The Home Office is expected to issue guidelines next month laying down standards for the monitoring of domestic violence. The move follows the development of 28 domestic violence units in the Metropolitan Police area and of similar units in West Yorkshire.

The police will be encouraged to log instances cases and to be prepared to efforts by social services.

send out teams including women officers, doctors and social workers when there is evidence of women being regularly attacked. Studies conducted for the ministerial group on women's issues, chaired by John Patten, the Home Office minister of state. suggest that attacks tend to become both more violent and more frequent and spread to other members of the family. Ministers want to see intervention at an early stage to minimise the danger of seri-

Research shows that wifebattering is a problem affecting all sections of society and that civil remedies do not when complaints are made always operate effectively. It about possible wife-beating said there was a need for

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move no good, say solicitors By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT MOVES to empower courts to going to help a substantial make orders docking absent number of women whose exfathers' pay to ensure that they husbands are either self-em-support their families were ployed or unemployed, and dismissed as inadequate by for the government to say that

in such circumstances the court should be able to order payments to be made direct to a bank or building society by standing order is simply to state what can be done already," the society says. The society's family law committee says much more

needs to be done to improve arrangements for maintenance and capital provision after divorce. The committee endorses the government's view that fathers should not renege on their responsibility to maintain their children, but says one of the biggest problems is assessing how much maintenance should be paid.
"Further problems lie in deciding where children should live and who should pay for that accommodation. The existing law makes it difficult for parties to a divorce, and their lawyers, to know bow to divide family property and how to calculate the maintenance."

The committee is examining ways to improve the law. One suggestion likely to be put foward in the autumn is that maintenance for children should be calculated according to a set formula, as in Australia. There, payments are collected automatically from wages by the tax office and passed on by a social

"Although it is rumoured that the government is thinking along similar lines, it is disappointing that there is no reference to the assessment of child maintenance in John Patten's statement," the Law Society says. "This would not only make it easier for divorcng couples to know what their financial situation is likely to be, but it would also emphasise the importance of providing proper mainte-nance for children."

The society plans to propose a number of refinements to that scheme to ensure it meets the needs of couples in England and Wales, John Appleby, committee chairman, said: "It is to be hoped that the government will be willing to introduce more comprehensive reforms."

### ish Muslims to observe British increasing number of workers not on colliery books. FOR WOMEN law if such obedience does not conflict with their commit-ment to Islam and the ummah immigration control. Cashmere Classic Knitweau £165.00 00.663 Peter McNestry, general Lambswool Gold Button Cardigan €65.00 235.00 secretary of the pit deputies' (world Muslim opinion). Lambswool Argyle Intarsia £45.00 £85.00 Some observers of the Muslim union Nacods, said that there was now an average of one fire political scene see it as a move Lambswool Serane £79.50 £49.50 Heathfield: opposed in the contest between proper pit, double the number in Tartan Reversible Skirts £89.50 £59.50 private coal mines Iranian and pro-Saudi groups. Road checks halt solstice invasion Cashmere Classic Knitwear \$230.00 **£130.00** Lambswool Classic Knitwee £27.50 Sports Knitwear \$25.00 £49.50 10am today they plan to make a group By LIN JENKINS assault, marching naked from their camp police, possibly because they were carry-Cashmere Scarves £65.00 £35.00 POLICE road checks succeeded yesto the monument. ing rucksacks. More respectable looking terday in keeping the collection of Tweed Sports Jackets\* £155.00 £99.50 people in cars were allowed in. One girl Willie X, self-styled leader of the group, said: "Whatever happens I'm druids, hippies and new-age travellers at the camp, who is a traveller only in the summer months, said: This year the from Stonehenge, the destination of their going all the way and taking my clothes Generous reductions throughout all our departments, annual summer solstice pilgrimage. whole thing is a protest against the law. off and running naked around the stones including childrenswear." Personal shoppers only. Despite promises from a band of 300 The exclusion zone means that proat Stouchenge. All major credit cards accepted. travellers camped 10 miles from the cessions cannot get within four miles of The hippies invited Steve Andrews, of monument that they would venture to English Heritage, which runs the site, to the stones, but they define procession as LONDON: the stones under the cover of darkness. one person or more. It is a very visit their camp and discuss whether any 2 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7PB, Tel: 071-581 2151 police were confident they could avoid a important time for us to be at the stones 84/86 Regent Street, London WIR 5PF: Tel: 071-734 0203 arrangements could be made for the 191 Regent Street, London WIR 7WA, Tel: 071-734 4816 because of the power they generate. This mid-summer's day invasion. group to celebrate at the stones at WINDSOR: The mood was one of co-operation on 4.32pm today, a time they claim is more is about freedom to worship." 22 Peascod Street, Windsor SL4 1DU, Tel: (0753) 865114 both sides, unlike previous years. Where Hilary Jones, from the Travellers Aid astrologically significant than the EDINBURGH

Trust charity, which was set up to

safeguard the interests of those living on

the road, said the police had promised

not to force a confrontation by blocking

the narrow lane which leads from their

temporary camp site. But as more

vehicles arrived it looked unlikely that

they could move en masse anywhere

other than where directed by the police.

# Employers face a shortage of top quality graduates

EMPLOYERS will continue to face difficulties in recruiting sufficient graduates in the 1990s but it will also be more difficult for weaker graduates to find work, perhaps leading to increased graduate unemployment, a report published today says.

The annual report on graduate supply from the independent Institute of Manpower Studies says: "Once the economy starts to recover, employers are likely to face increasing shortages of the best graduates and certain types of special-ists, yet not all graduates will necessarily benefit from this

"We are likely to see a more complex and fragmenting troduction of student loans market with growing shortages and the potential effects of the but with a rising proportion of weaker graduates who will not pean market in 1992 adding but with a rising proportion of completion of the single Euro-weaker graduates who will not pean market in 1992 adding easily be able to enter jobs and further complications to the

Indeed, we may see growing graduate shortages coexisting with rising levels of graduate unemployment and underemployment in the next year

cent in 1988, still higher than in 1979. The highest rates are in arts and biology, the lowest

Richard Pearson, the institute's deputy director, said: Many of the problems of the 1980s seem set to continue into the 1990s with the in-

harmed by its growing depen-dence on television and radio

"The relevance of literacy

Britain does not seem terribly

obvious. There is so much

information available visually

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communications that they

must wonder why they need to

learn these basic skills. At

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# Princess puts case for literacy drive

LAZY adults should be helped of the community." She said to learn to read and write, the developed world was Princess Royal said vesterday (David Tytler writes). She told the annual conference of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit in London that the human being was basically an "extremely idle creature".

The princess said that her world-wide travelling for the Save the Children Fund had shown her that it was important to encourage the curiosity of young people. Literacy skills were the most important skills that mankind needed for the future, she said.

"Literacy is the key to an individual's ability to imshould be treated as adult prove their own situation and learners rather than failed contribute to the general good children, she said.

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the end of the century. The unemployment rate six Applications to universitie months after graduation has fallen steadily from its peak of rose by 12 per cent between 1985 and 1989 with applica-13 per cent in 1982 to 5.6 per tions from mature students up 30 per cent, an increase of 26 per cent from overseas, and a 17 per cent rise in applications in engineering, physics and

> The swing away from en-gineering technology and applied sciences towards social science and business continues. In 1988, 29 per cent of new graduates qualified in social science and business while engineering and tech-nology accounted for only 12 per cent. Despite relatively smail numbers, however, the most marked growth between 1979 and 1988 was in science up by 50 per cent, followed by engineering and technology, up 35 per cent. The fastest expanding subjects are mathematics, physical sciences and

development of this key lab-our market." The report says

that the number of graduates is likely to rise by 15 per cent between 1988 and 1992 and then stabilise while demand

could be 30 per cent higher at

• French employers are to cross the Channel to recruit the best British brains. The attempt to lure talented graduates with key technical skills skills to the average child in will take place at student recruitment fairs over the next

> Lafarge Coppee, the cement producers, Unilog, the com-puter firm, and ENSPM, the engineering and petrochemical outfit, will be at the fair in the Business Design Centre in London next month.

> The IMS Graduate Review (Mantell Building, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BNI

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# Closure of rail crossings expected after three die

increase its attempts to close BR area manager responsible many of the 2,000 unmanned railway footpath crossings after a woman and two children were killed by a high-speed

As the investigation into the accident began yesterday, senior officials made it clear they believed that such crossings were inappropriate on a modern railway system, particularly on lines where trains travelled at over 100mph. Attempts by BR to close footpath crossings, often a public right of way protected by law, have met with deter-mined resistance from ramblers' groups and local authorities, but the accident on Tuesday night seems certain to lead to a renewed campaign to phase out many of the

BRITISH Rail is likely to crossings. Gordon Dennis, the he told the owner, Geoff for the Doncaster area, where the accident occurred, said: We would prefer not to have these footpath crossings. As speeds rise, pedestrians crossng high-speed lines are not

> Providing footbridges in-stead would be highly expensive; in the case of Potteric Carr, near Doncaster, where the accident happened, it would cost between £250,000 and £500,000.

> The deaths occurred at 7.25pm on Tuesday as Janet Smith, aged 34, was returning with her children, Daniel, aged four, and David, aged and a family friend, Emma Bridon, aged seven, from a visit to the Potteric Carr nature reserve near their homes at Bessacarr, two miles south of Doncaster.

The way home, along a quarter-mile country track, involved crossing a cluster of five rail lines 75 yards wide, including the main east coast route, which carries some 100 trains travelling at about 100mph every day. The group were pushing bicycles and successfully crossed the first line to a small waiting area before attempting the next three lines. As they moved further the train hit them.

The only witness was the

Wright, a BR signalman: "My

British Transport Police is trying to piece together what happened from the boy's account. It appeared that one of the children's bicycles became jammed in the line and Mrs Smith returned to help to free the machine when she and the two children were struck by the 17.33 King's Cross to Hull

The BR area manager said that the train crew spotted the group on the tracks and began to brake. Travelling at 100mph the train would take one mile to stop, and the driver had a line of vision of the crossing for only 450 yards after sweeping around a lefthand bend under the M18. Mr Dennis added that drivers always sounded the train's horn when pedestrians were seen on the track and at some footpath crossings the horn was always sounded as routine, although Potteric Carr was not one of them.

The crossing, which is un-manned and has no warning lights, is about a quarter-mile from a modern housing estate and the nature reserve is a popular destination, especially for young families. At the entrance to the crossing are



High-speed trains in excess of 100mph pass this point. Take extra care when crossing the line." Mr Dennis said the crossing, which was still open to the public yesterday, complied with all Department of Transport requirements. A spokesman at BR regional

the latest figures showed that risk free. Something clearly four pedestrians had been killed and two others injured at accidents on footpath crossings during 1988. The last closure of a crossing in South Yorkshire had taken three years to achieve because of resistance by local farmers and others.



that the public and BR must share responsibility for personal safety on such footpath crossings. "It is very difficult if you are going to cross a line with three children with bicycles," he said. "It is very hard to imagine a set of circumstances in which you headquarters in York said that could make that absolutely went very wrong but I do not know what'

• A driver has been questioned after a collision between a car and a train on the Habrough level crossing, near Immingham, South Humberside, on Tuesday morning. sole survivor of the tragedy, clear warning signs. One says:

Mrs Smith's son, David. He "Stop. Look. Listen. Beware ran to a cottage near by where of trains." Another says: port secretary, said yesterday

Three people, the car drive and two passengers from Bos ton, Lincolnshire, were hurt. Three people, the car driver and two passengers from Bos-

# Consumer chief claims health reforms neglect patient choice

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

sumer by failing to allow the organisation last year had they want, Lady Judith Wilcox chairman of the Nat- doctor felt the treatment ional Consumer Council said

Addressing the annual con-ference of the National Association of Health Authortites in Scarborough, Lady
Wilcox said the government
had promised that its reforms
and health authorities and
family practitioner commitwould mean more choice for patients, but it had failed to lay down any mechanisms for asking patients about their Lady Wilcox said. wishes and needs.

"Just as individual patients have no real influence on choice, neither do their repre-sentatives, community health councils." Lady Wilcox said. "In fact there are no formal means of consulting customers at all, about where they shall be treated or what sort of quality they want."

Instead, the choice would be made by district health authorities who would decide where to buy the services they thought they needed for their population. A patient for example might be told that she could have her ingrowing toenails treated at Scar-borough, but her gall bladder would have to be seen to in Leeds. She could be sent ing into account whether rel-

THE National Health Service atives would be able to visit. A there is to be more than token reforms have ignored the con- survey commissioned by the consumerism in the health public to choose the services found that nine out of 10 people would travel if the arm: more money, more powwould be improved or if they would be treated more quickly. Four out of 10 said they would travel simply to save

> tees should listen to their patients to find out what they wanted and then act on it

money for the health service.

They should also consult more with groups like community health councils, who should be given greater pow-ers by the government. "If



service, the community health councils need a shot in the ers, more teeth.

She criticised the government's decision to strip health authorities of local council representatives. This was an ironic loss when the new community care reforms would demand greater collaboration with social services and other local government departments, she said.

Lady Wilcox said there was a risk of cost taking priority over quality when districts and GP budget holders drew up contracts with hospitals.

• The new family health service authorities, formerly family practitioner committees, will be responsible for monitoring GP fund holders to ensure quality of patient care. They will also be monitoring eye tests to gauge the impact of the recently imposed charges, Rence Myers, president of the Society of Family Practitioner Committees, told the conference.

A decision to merge the society with the National Association of Health Authorites, is expected at an extraordinary general meeting of the association this afternoon. The new organisation, if approved, will also represent health service trusts.

# Prison riot blamed on inadequate discipline

THE Strangeways prison riot was triggered by overcrowd-ing, poor toilet facilities and a failure to adequately punish inmates for offences, a doctor said yesterday. Balakrishnan Somasunder-

am, a psychiatrist who is one of four medical officers at the Manchester prison, told the Woolf inquiry into prison disturbances: "Primarily it was the overcrowding. Then the lack of toilet facilities in certain parts of the prison. Finally the punishments given by governors to inmates were not justifiable. There were very mild sentences for severe

He said that prisoners who were merely handed warnings for serious offences would tell other prisoners and start a chain of events. In the period before the riot on April I, prisoners had become more aggressive and obstinate, he told the enquiry on the eighth Manchester. He said there had been an increase in prisoners with drug and alcohol problems and more prisoners suffering from personality dis-

John Callaghan, the senior hospital officer at the prison. said many injured inmates and others under the influence of drugs were brought out of of drugs were brought out of the prison during the riot, telling stories of death and injury. He said: "There were some very horrific stories about serious injuries, of inmates being hanged and castrated and that there were certainly many fatalities."

Large quantities of drugs were kept in treatment rooms in the jail. "When I asked prisoners what drugs they had taken it would appear they were being drunk by the bottle. They were taking cocktails of drugs."
On the day the riot started,

Mr Callaghan asked the ambulance service on for body bags to be brought in because of the stories of deaths. The request was passed on over an ambulance radio. He thought the transmissions were being monitored by the media and that this could have been the reason for reports of fatalities being published.

The enquiry continues today.

Jobs 'bar' on million women By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT THE government was accused

yesterday of blocking the employment prospects of about a million women because of its unwillingness to fund a nationwide framework Joanna Foster, chair of the

Equal Opportunities Commission, forecast that equal opportunities and family policies would be high on the agenda during the next general election as Britain faced increasing skills and man-

training courses it does not do

Britain to maintain its comso for women living with their petitiveness in the free Eurohusbands," she said.

Ms Foster criticised the removal of tax on workplace nurseries as inadequate and attacked the government for freezing child benefit in spite of a stated commitment to "equality proofing".

She said that 800,000 women wanted to return to work but were prevented from doing so because they had to increasing skills and man-power shortages. "While the the six million home-based government has said it wants women, one million have A to encourage women back to level qualifications or more. work we see major contradic- They represent an immense tions in its policies. While it is resource that could be used to willing to offer child care combat the fall in the number

pean market." The commission believes

that with only an estimated 3,000 out of 3.5 million children under school age using workplace nurseries the removal of the tax on them is insignificant and benefits mainly better off families. The commission wants a national childminding scheme.

Ms Foster said that, because of the general lack of child care facilities, the gap between men's and women's earnings, far from narrowing, was get-ting wider. Lack of facilities, she said, meant women were caught in the net of part-time, payments to lone parents on of school leavers and help low-paid, low-status work,

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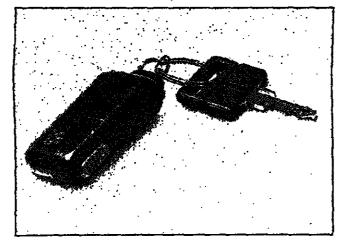
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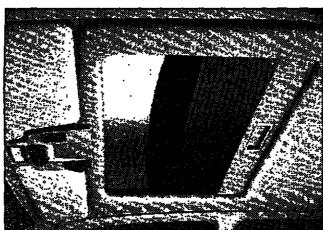
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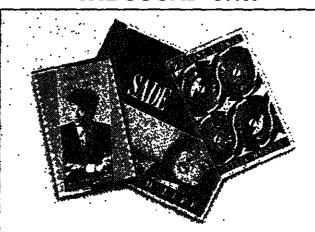
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# Speaker refuses emergency debate on supremacy of Parliament

THE Speaker refused to grant an emergency Commons debate on the ruling by the European Court of Justice that allows the freezing of national law while its compatability with EC legislation is tested.

Bernard Weatherill told MPs that under the standing orders such a debate could not take precedence over the business set down Nevertheless, the matter was of vital importance concerning the sovereignty of Parliament and he hoped time would be

Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) told him: "The issue should take precendence over all other business. There is no point in us going ahead with the passing of laws when we have no guarantee of any sort that these laws will prevail."

Applying for an emergency debate, Mr Taylor said that the consequences for

British sovereignty were so specific and so serious "that we must consider them now". Until Tuesday it had always been considered the task of Parliament to make laws and the task of the courts to interpret them. The judgment had created a new

"Until yesterday, no court has ever told this Parliament to suspend or nullify the law. The seriousness of the situation is iaw. The seriousness of the situation is abundantly clear. It means that any law which we enacted last week or will consider today or enart next week can be repealed in a flash by judges in Luxembourg the moment they receive complaints from anyone, in Britain or elswhere, which they consider to be serious enough to investigate."

Refusing the debate, the Speaker said that he had a difficult decision to take. He did not think the matter met the requirements of the standing order governing the running of the House (Cries of "shame"). Derek Conway (Shrewsbury and Atcham, C) asked him to reflect whether sovereignty had been given away during the course of the afternoon's proceedings and

The Speaker said that Mr Conway should do his homework and reflect upon the Single European Act that had been passed by the House.

Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) said: "This ruling of the European court has set aside the British constitution as we have understood it for several hundred

"There are two principles of fun-damental importance. One is the supremacy of Partiament which represents the supremacy of the British public. We have had for the first time in our national history the imposition of a ruling which overrides the sovereignty of the British people in this matter. "To abdicate that is the most important

issue that this House can discuss under any "We may have our deliberations this afternoon invalidated by this new constitutional principle. It is the very heart of the business of this House."

The Speaker replied that he shared Mr Shepherd's concerns and noted that Sir Geoffrey Howe, leader of the House, who organises Commons business, was listening to the exchanges. "I hope this is a matter which we can discuss."

William Cash (Stafford, C) said that the

when the European Communities Act was being passed, all the documents produced at that time made clear that there was not going to be any fundamental change in the

position of the British constitution as regards legislation passed in the House. This was to have been the case save where an act of Parliament took into account the obligations entered into under the furnished Communities August 1072

the European Communities Act, 1972. That did not include a repeal, or an implied repeal, of the bill of rights. It was well established that under article 9 of the bill of rights the courts did not give instructions to this Parliament.

Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) said that there was a danger of the public's not understanding why MPs were not going to debate something of enormous importance, perhaps one of the most important issues facing Parliament

The Speaker replied that he had to look carefully at the standing order. He had to weigh whether this matter was of such

over the business set down. He hoped the public would understand that. John D. Taylor (Strangford, UUP) said We

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that the sovereignty issue had been settled when Conservative MPs had voted for the Single European Act (Cries of: "Not all of Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that the court ruling had implications for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology bill which the House was discussing that day. All EC countries did not have the same abortion rights as Britain, and the Italians, for instance, if they did not like the way in which abortion rights were being exercised here, could impose their views on Britain. That was a "massive" constitutional matter.

# **Public** cash 'not for Juno'

The government will not agree to the request for public funding from the organi-sers of the commercial Juno project to put a British astronaut into space. Douglas Hogg, minister for industry, said at question time.

He said that he could not justify diverting resources from the government's own space programme which had quite different goals,

## 23 children with Aids

There have been 23 reports of Aids being developed by children whose parents were HIV-infected or at risk of infection, Virginia Bottomley, minister of state for health, said in a Commons written reply.

There were no reports of children being born with Aids, but the cumulative total of reports of children born with HIV antibody to the end of last year was 144. Most of them were not infected. but acquired HIV antibody from their mother. If the child was not infected, the maternal antibody dis-appeared within the first 18

## Car safety measure

An attempt to tighten the unroadworthy or uninsured cars was started in the Commons when Roger King (Birmingham, North-field, C) was given leave to introduce the Motor Vehicle Excise Licence (Amendment) bill. Under the bill, it would be unlawful for a car tax disc to be issued for a period longer than that of the insurance or test certificate covering the car.

The bill was given a formal first reading, but has no chance of becoming law.

## Ridley plea on the EC

Cars made in Britain should be treated as EC production, Nicholas Ridley, trade and industry secretary, said at question time when asked about Japanese companies being established in the UK. There were more than 90 important Japanese investments in France and no one had said that they should be treated as other than community production, he

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Ouestions: Northern Ireland: prime minister, Human Fertilisation and Embryology bill, completion of remaining stages. Lords (3): Environmental

Protection bill. committee,

# Attempt to restrict embryo work defeated

group of MPs from all sides of the House to circumscribe the research to be allowed under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology bill failed in the Commons last night.

An amendment to the bill to prevent what one MP called "embryo farming" was rejected by 246 votes to 208 during the first day of the bill's report stage.

MPs voted in April to allow research, but yesterday Frank
Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said
that at that time they had had
two options: either to vote
against all research or to vote for

He now proposed an amendment offering a third option: that, although there could be research, embryos should not be created merely for the sake of research but, as they were now, for the treatment of infertility.

The amendment, he said, would prohibit the creation of an embryo other than in the course of providing treatment services. Without that, he feared the way would be open to creation of embryo farms and that was a different position from that which MPs thought they were voting for in April during the committee stage.

The present law stated that embryos created belonged to patients and research could occur on embryos not used in the current run of infertility treatment, or on embryos not used and frozen. In those circumstances it would be up to the patients to have a big say in what happened to those em-

His proposal was not a wrecking amendment as it was putting on to the statute book only what he understood the present law to

"I want to make sure that what we mean by current prac-tice and best behaviour are actually put on the statute book from now on." Sir Bernard Braine (Castle

Point, C) said that he supported the amendment because it would stop the creation of human embryos for research. "Without this amendment we would be creating a category of

for research, that can be de-stroyed with impunity in the

"The government is asking us to give the right to create a subhuman category to experiment upon seemingly for the benefit of mankind as a whole. That would mean starting to go down the slippery road of accepting that the end justifies the

There were vast fortunes to be made in embryo research for drugs and contraceptives and the House should face that reality.

reality.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edghaston, C) said that embryos could have a good marketable value. They were extremely valuable pieces of human tissue, even if that was all some people considered them to be. There was no end to the ingenuity of human beings in making money.

There were people who would like all doors opened and who, when it was seen that research could be carried out on such a tiny human being, would push for long-term experiments.

"If we are not careful, we shall give an easy way to make

It was at present within the law to buy and sell embryos. If they permitted the gratuitous creation of embryos in the test tube for no other purpose than research, she feared that they would give many people a quick way to make a quick buck. The House should not make a market available.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lib Dem) said that the pre-embryo was the earliest form of life and it was extremely dangerous to authorise any interference with that life from the moment of conception. Anything that restricted the purposes of the bill would be

over animal experiments while MPs would sanction experiments on humans through the bill. That cheapened human life and treated it merely as "expendable raw material".

People took violent action

Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) said that, had the amendment been in existence



Harriet Harman: attack on "scaremongering"

earlier, there would never have been test tube babies. Research would not have been allowed. Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Atterciffe, Lab) said that one could have all the benefits which even the pro-life lobby claimed to want without creating human embryos simply for destructive research. Nothing was to be learnt from human embryo experiments that could not be learnt using non-human ma-terial. Efforts must be made to conquer genetic diseases with-out abusing human embryos. That could be done.

Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire, C) supported the amendment, saying that the part of the bill allowing embryos to be created and then destroyed was the most offensive part of it.

Harriet Harman, an Oppoopposed the amendment. She said that the in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) programme could not have gone ahead without em-bryos specifically created for

"It seems illogical to make a distinction between those em-bryos created for research and those which are the by-product of treatment." The overwhelming balance of medical and

was that the amendment would create a terrible restriction. The statutory licensing authority had a legal frame of reference stating that research would not be allowed unless it could not take place other than on

Did they believe that they were going to create by statute a licensing authority that was just going to turn a blind eye to embryology farming? That was an absurd scaremongaring pro-position and she urged people to put it out of their minds.

She also opposed another amendment, forbidding re-search on contraception. She recalled that the Chief Rabbi had said in the House of Lords that he was not against contra-ception but he did not think it a sufficiently urgent consider-

He might not. But he ought to ask his wife and his daughters and MPs ought to ask their wives and their daughters — to listen to women outside the House. "The battle for safe, convenient, effective contra-ception has not yet been won. The shadow of the fear of unwanted pregnancies has gone

down through the ages and She said that the decline in union membership had been largely due to the effect of

quite deliberately by means of its step-by-step approach is to tilt the balance substantially in favour of employers and against employees, particularly if those employees seek to become or-ganised and to exercise collective rights through their

# MPs call for secretarial cash increase

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS for increased secretarial allowances for MPs will be discussed today at a private meeting of senior Conservative backbenchers.

The executive of the 1922 committee of Tory MPs will examine a paper recommending that the present £24,903 allowance should be linked to the number of voters in a constit-

The document has been drawn up by Robert Dunn, a member of the committee and a former minister, in the wake of official disclosures showing that British MPs lag far behind their counterparts overseas in obtain-ing financial assistance for office

Mr Dunn said that the televis-ing of Parliament had added to MPs' postbags and that members representing populous con-stituencies were under the most pressure from their constituents. The present flat-rate allowance took no account of the size of electorates, which could vary from about 23,000 electors in from about 23,000 electors in some seats to more than 100,000. That meant that the amount of state subsidy a head varied between £1.07 in the Western Isles, which had 23,084 electors, and 22.7p in Milton Keynes, where there were nearly 110,000.

electors, said that in fairness the office costs allowance should reflect the differing workloads generated by differing numbers of constituents. According to his paper, the average spending a voter across Westminster's 650 constituencies is 37p. He recommends that all constituencie above the average size should be entitled to that level of subsidy. All seats with fewer voters than the 70,000 average would continue to receive the present £24,903 allowance.

The office costs element in MPs' earnings is uprated each year in line with the salary of a senior personal secretary in the civil service. The review body for top salaries occasionally re-examines the allowance and if the executive decides to pursue the matter it will have to persuade Sir Geoffrey Howe, the leader of the House, to make a

Earlier this month, Sir Geof-firey released figures showing that the perks available to British MPs compare unfavour-ably with those of their overseas

amount of state subsidy a head varied between £1.07 in the Western Isles, which had 23,084 electors, and 22.7p in Milton Keynes, where there were nearly 110,000.

Mr Dunn, whose Dartford seat is slightly bigger than average, with more than 70,000 counterparts.

For instance, an American congressman gets a yearly allowance of £260,525 to hire up to 18 permanent staff and four part-timers, plus £20,671 for setting up district offices. A German MP gets £49,196 for staff and a French deputy £50,876.

# Sympathy strike rights promised

A FUTURE Labour governsympathy strikes in line with the common practice in other European Community countries, Lady Turner of Camden, an Opposition spokesman on em-ployment, said in the Lords.

The present government had left the central arbitration committee without a role. In contrast. Labour would establish a new industrial court. "We also believe that there

should be a legal right to recognition which unions, when they are sufficiently repre-sentative, will be able to enforce through the industrial court." Lady Turner was spelling out Labour policy in a debate initiated by Viscount Caldecote (C) in which he attacked Labour

unemployment and the decline in manufacturing industry where unions had been strong. "What the government has done

The government claimed to have increased employee rights, but in fact, had done so only for members within their own unions. That was despite the

# **HOUSE OF LORDS**

little evidence of widespread malpractice in UK unions. Given the government's record, it was not surprising that it opposed the social charter and put itself at odds with the rest of Europe. It was clear that the government was keener in the new employment bill to support the right not to belong to a union than the right to belong. "It is not apparently understood by government that employers can be exceedingly unscrupulous, or perhaps they like employers to

be that way."

Viscount Caldecore said that last year some five million working days were lost through strikes compared with thirteen million a year in the Seventies. The number of days lost per thousand employees was only a quarter of the level in the early

Labour had changed its attitude to many of the government's reforms, but one law it would not keep would be the sequestration of union assets. Without penalties the law would be unenforceable.

All the u-turns were window dressing. This would be a disaster in the field of industrial relations because, although leopards could not change their spots, wolves could dress up in sheep's clothing to destoy all the industrial relations reforms built up over the past few years.

# Hogg in double row with Labour

ATTEMPTS to stop government spokesmen quoting from the Labour party's latest policy document ended in rows during Commons question time, with an Opposition MP having to withdraw an offensive reference to Donglas Hogg, minister of state for industry.

The trouble arose when references about the costing of erences about the costing of Labour party proposals were made from the government front bench. Mr Hogg said the proposals had been assessed at £50 billion. During a question on regional funding, Mr Hogg asked if the Opposition wanted that restored as well, at £1 billion a year.

Mr Hogg answered shouts of protest from the Opposition: "I know that the Labour party is upset at the way the public is beginning to realise what is in the party's programme. Let me tell the House that..."

George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab), with a point of order: "On top of the order paper it says questions to the secretary of state'. That means the minis has to answer. This arrogant little shit has not answered one

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, shouting above pro-tests from Conservative MPs, said: "He will withdraw that word immediately, and do not Mr Feelkes: "Which word do

you mean? Arrogant, little or

The Speaker: "The last Mr Foulkes: "I will withdraw

the last word". Mr Hogg: "This whingeing and whining from the Opposit-ion benches is amusing and

MR Hogg was also involved in a clash with Gordon Brown, chief Opposition trade and industry spokesman, who asked him, in relation to the Rover Group takeover, to admit, "not just the extent of hidden subsidies in grants to British Aerospace, but the extent of hidden subsidies which should have been declared"

Mr Hogg: There are a number of unpleasant features about Mr Brown, but one is that he is doing his best to persuade the commission to penalise British Aerospace more than they



Douglas Hogg

# **HOUSE BUSINESS**

to make permanent the eight-month experiment in televising of the Commons. The Commons select committee on televising its proceedings will have before it next week a draft report recommending that the experiment should be made permanent.

Business managers are struck by how few complaints there have been during the experiment and they are confident that the proposal to make it permanent will receive overwhelming support when it is put to the House next month.

For the time being, the select committee is recommending that the present arrange-ment should stay. John Grist, a former

BBC executive, is being asked to stay as the supervisor of broadcasting. Broadcast Communications is being asked to continue supplying the feed of what is happening in the Commons, and Commons Committee Television is to asked to continue televising the committees.

Commons TV likely to stay

The select committee is proposing that the present arrangements should stay until next May, so that there is a breathing space in which to work out long-term proposals. Next May MPs will have to decide whether formula and establish a Commons broadcasting unit that would provide the feeds and sell the service. Sir Geoffrey Howe, leader of the House

remains a problem.

and other Conservative MPs are expected and other Conservative MPs are expected to argue that the feed should continue to be provided by an outside contractor. They point to the few complaints as evidence of its success and shudder at the prospect of MPs deciding technical issues.

Labour MPs, such as the former tele-vision producer, Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab), think the operation would be simpler if done by one organisation.

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# British Steel 'must be left free to decide'

must not be fettered unnecessarily by ministers if the company is to remain at the head of the world league of steel producers, Nicholas Ridley, trade and industry secretary, said during Commons

He added, however, that he and the Scottish secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, had urged British Steel to explain to its workforce and trade unions its proposal to close the hot strip mill at

Ravenscraig.

John Maxton (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab) asked whether Mr Ridley agreed with Mr Rifkind that British Steel should reverse its decision to close the Ravenscraig strip mill. Mr Ridley said that he had nothing to add to what the House had decided in a debate recently and that the Government was pursuing the aim of the motion that had been researd them (That motion invited). that had been passed then (That motion invited British Steel to explain and defend its decision). Alexander Salmond (Banff and Buchan, SNP) said that Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel, had been reported yesterday as saying that the company had invested £100 million in a German steel plant because, after 1992, the UK would no longer be the centre of gravity for manufacturing in the European Community. Could Mr Ridley say where the centre of gravity lay for supplying the millions of tons of steel products that would be required in the North Sea market throughout the Nineties?

If British Steel was unwilling to supply them from Scotland, would Mr Ridley go to the annual meeting and argue for the productive assets to be turned over to an international investor who would be willing to make a success of the Scottish

Mr Ridley said that he was "a small shareholder indeed" in British Steel and did not think that his views at the annual meeting would carry much weight. "But British Steel is becoming an international company of very great repute and success." Mr Salmond should welcome the company's expansion of its activities into the

## **RAVENSCRAIG**

Community. Second guessing how best British Steel should go about improving its performance was not a job for him. Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that

the chairman had written a secret letter to Mr Rifkind in a vain effort to try to justify the closure

Mr Ridley said that Mr Rifkind had asked British Steel to agree to publication of the letter. No response had been received.

William McKelvey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lab) said that Mr Ridley should align himself with Mr Rifkind to lead the fight against British Steel and see the company to among this Steel and get the company to reverse this "scandalous vandalism" against the Scottish

Mr Ridley said that the more he thought about the matter the less he could discover what the difference was between the government and the Labour party. Labour did not seem to have the slightest intention of wanting to renationalise British Steel, nor to put in subsidies to rescue Ravenscraig, nor to take power to issue directives to the company. That was the government's position too. position, too.

Gordon Brown, chief opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked Mr Ridley to confirm that the government's policy was to deplore the closure decision and to ask for it to be reconsidered with a view to its being reversed (Conservative cries of "no").

Would be end his "do nothing, care nothing, listen to nothing" attitude that had characterised the performance of the trade and industry department in the matter of Ravenscraig as in everything else?

Mr Ridley said that Mr Brown had not answered his question. In what respect did the sovernment's policy differ from the Labour party's on this matter?

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and George Brock

CONDITIONS for financial any aid to Moscow. Wash-ments last Monday asking that aid to the Soviet Union now seem likely to be the subject of London's firm opposition to operation with the Soviet a battle at the world economic direct financial aid of a general | Union be discussed at the two summit in Houston, Texas, in and unspecified kind, arguing

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governments are wary and critical of suggestions from the French and German governments that the West should provide extensive financial aid to Moscow to strengthen President Gorbachev's posmit as well as at Houston.

According to well-placed Washington sources, the Bush administration is now reluc-tantly prepared to consider US participation in an aid package. Only a few months ago foreign ministers' council meeting, however, generally favoured the idea, which was Speculation over the size of raised by Jacques Delors, the package mentions a sum of president of the European \$20 billion (£11.6 billion).

for assistance has been received by any Western government or institution. An informal message is thought exert control over its nature most likely to have been and conditions. passed to Bonn.

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Gorbachev, president of the

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Yeltsin, president of the Rus-

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seemed to set the public seal

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These images, however,

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From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

PICTURES of the historic accusations of pro-Yeltsin

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The British and American an unreconstructed centralised economy would be point-

isters last Monday against an European Community sum- to East European economies in the 1970s. The Soviet Union, he said, was a country rich in resources but with an economy run with unique

Most of his colleagues at the Commission, who pointed out No formal Soviet request that it would be the main item on the agenda at Houston. If a package is agreed, Washington wants to be in a position to

Helmut Kohl, the West The summit arguments will German chancellor, wrote to

The result, during the Rus-

sian parliament meetings, was that even when Mr Yeltsin

had become president and was

chairing the meetings, he was

hardly ever referred to by

name, and television cameras

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The same technique has

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President Mitterrand of France, in an interview in Le Monde the next day, called for urgent economic aid for Mr painful reforms necessary.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, warned the rest of the Community's foreign minwill set off a cycle of ition. The Paris-Bonn idea aid scheme which repeated the will be aired at next week's mistakes of Western lending which will have grave international repercussions"

American and British officials share M Mitterrand's deep concern about the repercussions of Soviet economic collapse, which could undermine Mr Gorbachev, his entire programme of reforms, and the new democracies of Eastern Europe. They are suspicious, how-

ever, of what one described as the vague and grandiose schemes put forward by the French and Germans. M Mitterrand spoke of financial, commercial and technical aid for the Soviet Union but gave no precise details of what this might entail. The issue is complicated by the related question of probable German contributions to the cost of the residual Soviet garrison in

Washington and London would want financial aid earmarked for specific approved projects. They would want to know under whose auspices it would be channeled to the Soviet Union. Above all, they would want it tied to guar-antees of genuine reforms leading to a market economy. The Americans might also insist on an end to Soviet aid to traditional communist al lies such as Cuba and a further

easing of the economic embargo against Lithuania. One senior British source said yesterday that, as the Soviet Union was not a member of the International Monetary Fund, some way would have to be found to reproduce the tough criteria which the fund applies to its financial rescues. Only with such guar-antees could the administration, already suffering a cash

shortage, sell the idea of aid to the Soviet Union to Americans. Only a few months ago, the administration publicly ridiculed Richard Gephardt, the Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, for proposing economic aid for Officials here say the issue is

beginning to generate signifi-cant behind-the-scenes diplomatic activity. An unspoken British fear would appear to be that, in its desire to win Soviet acceptance for a united Germany in Nato. Washington will agree to less rigid conditions for aid than London wants. The most the US and Britain have so far been prepared to offer is technical assistance and economic ex-

pertise. US officials stress that President Bush has yet to decide whether the US will narticipate in a rescue effort, and they doubt that any firm plan will be adopted at the Houston summit. More likely, it will instruct officials to prepare a detailed plan for-

 SOFIA: Bulgaria wants to purpose of the interview, headed "Not confrontation but co-operation", was clearly to tell readers that Mr Yeltsin had returned to the party fold Zhivkov, the deposed former

foreign investors.



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# Berlin spy chief accuses Bonn of bribing Stasi

the suspected terrorists.

sentences.

that if Stasi agents revealed

their identities and confessed,

they might escape with lighter

There is no doubt that West

German investigators have been able to identify and trace

at least some of those on their

wanted list with the help of the

Stasi, Peter-Michael Diestel,

the East German interior min-

ister, has already revealed that

the two latest Red Army

suspects to be caught,

Henning Beer and Frau Silke

RIGHT to the end of his country's separate identity, Markus Wolf, the veteran East German spymaster, is doing his best to embarrass and undermine the West German establishment. He has capitalised on his notoriety to become a popular television personality, defending to the last the successful spy rings he ran, including planting agents in the upper echelons of the

West German government. izy evel stirred a controversy with an on the same level as the interview in which he claimed that the West German secret repression apparatus". The service had offered him inspokesman in Cologne acdemnity from prosecution if cused Herr Wolf of trying to he told all he knew. He also create a smokescreen to hide said that it had been bribing former Stasi secret agents with seven-figure sums.

Herr Wolf made much of the recent arrests of eight terrorist suspects of the Red Army Faction, hinting that this could only have been achieved with the help of Stasi agents who had been bought.

Lothar de Maizière, the East German prime minister, has meanwhile refused to accept that West Germany has the exclusive right to try and punish either the suspects or East Germans like Herr Wolf and Erich Honecker, the former head of state.

"We are still two sovereign states," he said defiantly in an Majer-Witt, were both appre-

interview published today in hended after a tip-off from a former senior agent in the Stasi's "Section 22" which dealt with terrorist offences. Bild. Herr Wolf's allegations were hotly denied yesterday by both Hans Klein, the government spokesman, and by an anonymous counterintelligence spokesman in

The discovery of a large number of "moles" working in West Germany since the Berlin Wall opened last Herr Klein, fresh from a cabinet meeting where the Wolf allegation had been dis-November is also due to information offered by former The question of who has the cussed, was outraged at this attempt to put "the work of the democratically controlled

right to try the suspected Red Army terrorists is quickly All eight arrested so far have criminal activities of the Stasi-East German citizenship and under the existing constitution they cannot be handed over to a foreign power. Technically, extradition from the East to the West is not his possible personal involvement in providing a cover for legally possible since West Germany has never acknowledged the existence of a sepa-He said that no offer had rate German state. ever been made, and added

If they are tried in East Germany, the eight could also have access to comprehensive Stasi files to contradict West German evidence linking them with crimes committed since they moved to East Germany. These show that in some cases they were in East Germany when they were suspected of being involved in

crimes in West Germany. If Herr Diestel is correct, these files could have been doctored. He has claimed that providing cover for Red Army terrorists was a "hobby" for Herr Honecker, who fitted them out with new identities at a Stasi holiday camp near Frankfurt an der Oder. Herr Honecker, through the East German news agency ADN,

has angrily denied this. The disgraced East German leader has found an unexpected ally in Herr de Maizière, who told Bild that it was pure guesswork to suggest that Herr Honecker had any idea of what was happening and that the Stasi cover-up probably had a life of its own.

The Stasi files, which cover six million people, were "laundered" on behalf of communist lawyers and judges. New evidence shows this was one of the last acts of Hans Modrow, the last communist prime minister, who authorised it three weeks before the March 18 general election swept him from office.

# **Critics scorn** Iliescu vow of democracy

10N Iliescu, the former lead-mission is dominated by ing Communist, was inaugu- deputies and senators from

US diplomatic boycott in finally reported. protest at recent mob violence by pro-government miners.

The new president's prom-

ises of a commitment to democracy and human and minority rights were treated with scepticism by Western diplomats who did attend, including the British ambas-sador, Michael Atkinson, who denied any split on policy between London and Washington. "I heard some good words spoken in the speech. But in all the world's democracies, we are looking for deeds in Romania to follow up the words," he said outside the grandiose Athenaeum concert hall here, where the ceremony took place guarded by more than 600 troops. "I am looking for change which has not yet

The swearing-in was performed by Alexandru Birladeanu, another former leading member of the Communist party under Ceausescu, now the Senate chairman, whose presence added to accusations that the new administration is merely a collection of old Communists.

Opposition leaders were critical of Mr Iliescu's speech, in which he again sought to depict anti-government rioting last week as a premeditated fascist coup attempt and in France to justify calling in the miners because of army and police weakness.

"The speech was not only Paris - As many as 6,000 economic with the truth, it was a travesty of the truth, said Ion Ratiu, the failed presidential candidate of the right-wing National Peasant party, whose home and offices were ransacked by miners.

"He said that the miners were brought in to restore law and order, that is not what I saw. Iliescu handed over responsibility of the legitimate organs of the state to members of a vigilante group who ran through the streets terrorising people who had been targeted. The government says only six people died, but figures I have received show it is over 20."

Mr Ratiu, who was whisked away under heavy guard through booing government supporters, claimed angrily that Mr Iliescu had failed to use the postponed inauguration to anologise for the miners' wave of terror. Mr lliescu, aged 60, emphasized Romania's dependence on outside help in a speech in which he attempted unsuccessfully to dissociate the ruling National Salvation Front from the worst of the violence.

Romanians in the auditorium said that the effect was limited because one man who was sitting on the platform had been seen directing the miners in central Bucharest on June 15.

Mr Iliescu admitted for the first time: "Unfortunately, on June 14 and 15 there was overreaction in the process to restore public order. Institutions, party headquarters and homes were broken into, and citizens unconnected with earlier events were roughed up. We unequivocally dissociate ourselves from all actions that transcended the legal frame-

From Christopher Walker in Bucharest rated as Romanian president the front, and few Western yesterday in a ceremony of observers expect any attempt Soviet-style pomp and cirwill be made to bring the cumstance overshadowed by a miners to justice once it has

Diplomats claimed that yesterday's speech, in which an attempt was made for the first time by the new president to distance himself from some of the mob violence conducted against students, intellectuals and gypsics, was mainly for international consumption.

Washington's decision to boycott the ceremony, which some Romanians compared with similar political setpieces staged by Ceausescu, was based partly on a text acquired by the CIA of a speech lauding the miners and delivered to them by Mr Iliescu in Bucharest last week.

At yesterday's elaborate ceremony there was little attempt to disguise the renewed power of the Securitate men who have been backing Mr Iliescu in recent days while he has faced criticism from leading police and army officers. A hundred soldiers standing guard were given orders to march by a Securitate agent dressed in a crumpled suit and off-white shoes.

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# seek justice

investigating magistrates in France will today abandon their duties to take part in a nationwide day of action (Philip Jacobson writes). Infuriated by shrinking budgets, huge case loads and political interference, they have organised what borders on being an illegal strike.

The three main bodies representing the juges d'instruction say spending on the administration of justice has been under pressure for 40 years and is now just 1.36 per cent of the national budget. Government figures show cases have increased by 200 to 300 per cent over the last decade. Pierre Arpaillange, the justice minister and a former magistrate, is expected to come under heavy fire for failing to fight their corner in the cabinel

## Walesa forced into power'

Warsaw - Lech Walesa, struggling for power with his old Solidarity comrades, said yesterday that circumstances would force him to become Poland's president against his

"We need a president with an axe: determined, sharp, straightforward, who does not hinder democracy but immediately fills the gaps," he told the Solidarity daily,

## Doe pardons rebel leader

Moarovia - Liberia has dropped embezzlement charges against Charles Taylor, the National Patriotic Front rebel leader, in a general amnesty.

The front, which is trying to unseat President Doe, was work. All that is the subject of a detailed parliamentary enquiry." The 23-strong com- Monrovia. (AFP)

# Honecker denies he harboured terrorists

From Anne McElvoy in east Berlin

many's discredited former leader, yesterday denied reports that he had sanctioned the harbouring of West German terrorists.

He said that he first became aware of their presence in the country after their arrest.

Herr Honecker said reports that he and Erich Mielke, his chief of security, had arranged asylum for terrorists bore no relation to the truth. The former leadership, he said,

ERICH Honecker, East Ger- had always condemned terrorism and had contributed to the fight against it. Herr Honecker, who is un-

well and lives in a highsecurity Soviet hospital outside Berlin, volunteered his statement through Woifgang Vogel, his lawyer, who has taken on the defence of Inge Viett and Susanne Albrecht, the accused terrorists. Most of the population, who now refer to their former leader as a criminal, refuse to believe the statement

Peter Diestel, the interior minister, said last Tuesday that his ministry had evidence that the sheltering of terrorists had been an "individual hobby" of Herr Honecker and Herr Mielke, unknown to other branches of the security services.

Matthias Gehler, the government's spokesman, has condemned the publication by an East German newspaper of the addresses of more than 9,000 premises used by the Stasi as observation posts and telephone-tapping centres.

The publication in Tageszeitung provoked many East Germans to undertake "Stasihunts" in search of their local branches. Many of the bases were in unmarked rooms in factories or private flats. Innocent men, women and children now living in the properties were in fear of

attack, he said.

Hungary surrenders to voices of America 1960s, had previously been deployed teacher-training colleges throughout US embassy official said: "If JFK From Ernest Beck only in the Third World. With the Hungary. They appear ready for the

IN BUDAPEST

REAL American English, the most desired United States export since take-away hamburgers, came to Eastern Europe this week with the arrival in Hungary of 61 enthusiastic Peace Hollywood heroes.

which only recently abandoned Russian as a compulsory foreign language.

The Peace Corps, founded by John

Kennedy when he was president in the

idealistic, do-good days of the early

Vance Hyndman, the Peace Corps arrivals that they might be besieged officials needing their services. There has been tremendous competition for the teachers, who will be given a 10week crash course in Hungarian

before being posted to schools and

retreat of communism in Eastern

Europe and the need for such coun-

tries as Hungary to integrate quickly

with the West, speaking English has

challenge. Al Belini, a teacher from New Jersey, said: "I know very little about

Hungary, but could not give up the chance to be a part of history." The oldest member of the group, a retired teacher, aged 73, speaks in the slow, sugary cadences of her native Florida.

While most university students in Hungary learn English English, the Peace Corps plan to spread American English to the masses may be seen as yet another form of Yankee cultural imperialism. Britain has for the most part been slow to promote the Oueen's English, preferring instead to invest in a Hungarian fund to help budding entrepreneurs.

In any event, it seems Kennedy's youthful vigour, idealism and broad Boston accent are more in demand. A

could see us today from wherever he

bonds and stocks to institutional investors in a limited way, it now has the legal statutes to function as a selfgoverning institution and to allow ordinary citizens to play the market.

Estonia, have declared in fabecome a skill as valuable as any vour of a transition to million-dollar commercial joint Corps volunteers who will soon be independence. teaching English-starved Hungarians The parliament in the how to speak like their favourite Demand for teachers has far outsouthern republic of Georgia stripped supply. Hungary's now unalso defied the Kremlin yesemployed Russian-language teachers are just beginning retraining courses terday by approving a declara-A year after President Bush promtion recognising the Baltic republics' right of self-determised to send a volunteer army of to teach English. English teachers behind the Iron Curtain, now in latters, the first group ination. It expressed Georgia's rolled into Budapest eager to spread director in Hungary, told the new readiness to establish direct their twangs, Mid-Western drawls and economic and political ties slurred Brooklynese to a country like rock stars by students and school with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, a spokesman for the

is, he would certainly be very proud." Taking stock: Capitalism's longawaited comeback in Hungary will be celebrated today with great fanfare as the stock exchange here, the first in Eastern Europe, officially opens to the Although the exchange has been working since January 1988, offering

As the doors open to all and sundry, it is uncertain exactly what and how much they will be able to buy. Trading will continue to take place only three days a week for a few hours. "It is a baby market, a sort of proto-capitalism," said an observer.

ment before his election to the praesidium members. The Russian presidency, the statecontrolled Soviet media have shown a general reluctance to give Mr Yeltsin any publicity at all. Television crews and news editors appear to have after more than two years in no firm guidelines about how the wilderness very much on to treat him and seem to fear the party's terms. Uzbekistan votes for sovereignty THE Soviet Central Asian tion was passed by a majority republic of Uzbekistan yes-after "sharp debate". Some terday approved a "declara- deputies wanted to postpone tion of sovereignty". Tass the matter until after a new union treaty was signed with Moscow. With the declara-

said, in another challenge to President Gorbachev. The document, passed at the first meeting of a new parliament in Tashkent, de-

clared the supremacy of Uzbekistan laws in the republic and placed domestic and foreign policy under the authority of the local government, the official news agency said. Tass reported that the document declared "sovereignty of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic within a renewed Soviet federation" but did not amount to secession from the Soviet Union. An employee at the Uzbek

news agency, Uztag, said the wording was similar to legislation passed by the Russian Federation that its laws took precedence over the Soviet constitution. "The declaration proclaims

Uzbekistan's state sovereignty and the supremacy of republican laws on its entire territory," Tass said.

Georgian news agency, Gruzinform, said. Moscow has ade against Lithuania. It reported that the declara-

demonstration.

The reasons for this discrepancy, which smacks of minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, old-style Soviet double stan- sat between them, but for the dards in news dissemination, rest of the time the two old may stem simply from the sparring partners have been growing familiarity of in-formation agencies here with amicable neighbours. Yet television rarely shows the whole praesidium at close-Western news requirements. enough range for any individ-They correctly judged that such pictures would appeal to foreign viewers and made them available. There may also have been a feeling that the message of the reconciliation between Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin, overshadowed by news of the rapprochement last week be-

uals to be identified. When the cameras focus on individual speakers at the podium in front of the praesidium table, they show in the background only the Soviet triumvirate: Mr Gorbachev, Mr Ryzhkov, and Anatoli Lukanov, chairman of the Soviet parliament tween the Kremlin and the Mr Yeltsin's presence would Baltic republies, had not been have been apparent only to sufficiently absorbed abroad. those who watched the full This does not, however,

recording of the session, which is screened late at night. In Pravda yesterday, Mi Yeltsin's membership of the

tion, Uzbekistan, scene of

repeated outbreaks of ethnic

violence in the past year, joined the three Baltic repub-

lics and Russia in declaring its

Lithuania has gone the far-

laws above those of Moscow.

thest, announcing on March

11 that it was no longer part of

the Soviet Union. Its sister

Baltic republics, Latvia and

imposed an economic block-

conference praesidium was acknowledged, but in a short endorsement later. interview at the bottom of page four rather than in any official announcement of

postpone payments of principal on its \$10.3 billion foreign debt until 1993 but will continue to pay interest, Andrei Lukanov, the prime minister, said yesterday. He told journalists that a delegation headed by Veselin Rankov, president of Bulgaria's Foreign Trade Bank, was visiting London to discuss the rescheduling of the debt with a consortium of foreign banks. Bulgaria's foreign debt was accumulated under Todor

> leader. Mr Lukanov denied reports that he would travel to London and Paris this week to renegotiate a refinancing package with creditor banks. In March his government froze its repayment of principal repayment on foreign debt, a move which frightened

Markus Wolf: trying to capitalise on his notoriety

# Paper launched in South Africa will challenge apartheid

repression and self-censorship sequences of infringing the law, continued vesterday with the launch of the country's first privately owned, politi-cally independent, Englishcally independent, English-language daily newspaper better society can be certain since the National party came that we will take them to to power in 1948.

Euphoria prevailed at a Johannesburg printing works in a column by Allister Sparks, when souvenir first editions of the Daily Mail were distrib- Daily Mail, as a leap of faith uted to invited guests to the accompaniment of a jazz band Harber, a former member of and the popping of champagne corks. The newspaper is journalist launched the Weeka successor to the long-established anti-government Rand Rand Daily Mail closed. Daily Mail (part of the then The tabloid weekly will Associated Newspapers continue to be published as an group) which failed in 1985.

new paper's credo was pro- same selective, multiracial claimed in an editorial, readership of professional headed "A bold new voice for people. The paper hopes to

Yitzhak Shamir, assured

Washington and Moscow yes-terday that Israel had no

official policy of settling Soviet Jews in the occupied

He told a meeting of the World Zionist Organisation,

which groups together many

of Israel's top foreign Jewish

supporters and fund raisers,

that Arab threats of war over

Soviet Jewish immigration

were simply a "smoke-screen"

for Arab opposition to Jewish

Mr Shamir urged President

the habits of the past, not to

heed the campaign of incite-

ment and pressure being

waged by Arab states against

Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union". Moscow must

realise there was no glasnost

or perestroika in the Arab

states, for the most part still

The World Zionist Organis-

Earlier this week President

Bush urged the new Israeli

government to revive US

proposals for peace talks with

take the Middle East peace

ation is bitterly divided over

occupied areas.

ruled by dictatorial regimes.

immigration in general,

From Richard Owen in jerusalem

THE Israeli prime minister, at odds over the right-wing

Gorbachev to understand this.
"We call on the Soviet Union, which has turned its back on "quite a different policy to-

whether Soviet Jews should Americans need to break off

settle in the occupied West
Bank and Gaza. At yesterday's estine Liberation Organismeeting of its General Countheir dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation?", he asked. But Shlomo

cil, there was heated debate as Lahat, mayor of Tel Aviv, said

some delegates opposed a Israel would have to deal with

draft resolution calling on the PLO in the end and

Israel to refrain from allowing predicted that the right-wing

Soviet Jews to go to the coalition would "surprise

the Palestinians and thus ations". Diplomats said the

Mr Shamir that Washington summit in Dublin would take

and Jerusalem were seriously sanctions against Israel.

THE renaissance of the South a bold new era", which said: break even financially with a African press, after decades of "We seek to make this paper a target circulation of 30,000 in torch-bearer of the new South Africa. Apartheid will leave us with a legacy of inequality that will have to be addressed with vigour and even-handedness ... those who act to frustrate

> The venture was described a former editor of the Rand which began when Anton Harber, a former member of ly Mail a month after the

insert with the broadsheet As the presses rolled, the daily, which is aimed at the

coalition's hardline policy on

Jewish settlements. Israeli of-

ficials said that, of 53,000

Soviet Jews who had arrived

in Israel so far this year, only

Israeli press reports, reflect-

192 went to the West Bank.

ing an interview given by Mr Bush to the Philadelphia

Enquirer, said that Mr Bush's

Mr Shamir on the formation

amounted to a long statement

of Middle East policy couched in "tough language". Mr Bush

is reported to have said that

wards settlements than the

previous government or than

police minister, yesterday told the Knesset that the raid by

Palestinian gunmen on the

Israeli coast on May 30 had

been aimed not only at Israeli

civilians but also at the US

Embassy building in Tel Aviv.

"What further evidence do the

everyone" on the issue.

Israel's ambassador to the

European Community, Avi

Primor, is to be recalled to

Israel for "urgent consult-

foreign minister, David Levy.

was worried that the EC

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the US government".

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age of congratulation to

selves what happened when the Rand Daily Mail disappeared from our streets, we should reflect upon the reasons why this happened, and we should ask ourselves what is necessary to ensure that this Israeli emigration does not happen again ... we need to be well informed during the period of transition plea to Moscow

to democracy, and we will need an independent and vigilant press once democracy has been established. That, after all, is the best guarantee of democracy," Mr Chaskal-Adding point to his words.

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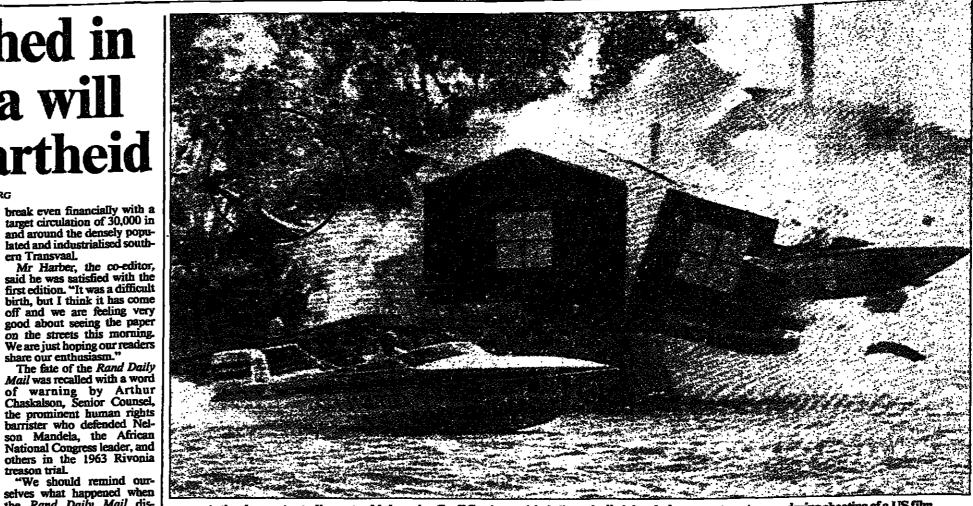
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across the city in the offices of Vrye Weekblad (Independent Weekly), a liberal Afrikaansanguage newspaper, Max du Preez, the editor, faces up to five years in prison for publishing allegations con-cerning the National Intelligence Service. A presiding nagistrate granted an application on Tuesday for evidence to be heard in camera, and defence counsel advised Mr du Preez that imprisonment appeared inevitable.

Yesterday Mr du Preez said: 'I am definitely going to get a jail sentence this time, there is no doubt about that. The only question is whether it is going to be two years or five."

A soft-spoken Afrikaner, he has already paid a heavy price for campaigning against apartheid and exposing the murder-ous activities of clandestine units of the security forces. He was given a six-month suspended sentence last December for contravening the Internal Security Act. This month he was forced to move out of his home by right-wing His latest and most serious

problem arises from an article he published alleging that there were links between the now defunct Institute for Soviet Studies at Stellenbosch University and the National Intelligence Service, Ironically, the story was published on February 2, the day on which President de Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC and abolished emergency restrictions on the media.



Action drama: Australian waterski champion Geoff Carrington (circled) was badly injured when a stunt went wrong during shooting of a US film on a lake on Queensland's Gold Coast. As a lakeside building blew up, he was thrown into a pier and is now in critical condition

# Ruthless fan of Napoleon leads Tamil Tigers in rule of the gun

Sri Lanka.

the shadowy leader of the who have followed his career genius, is fascinated by Napoleon and devours books on his life and battles. In what became known as

India's Vietnam, Mr Prabak-aran's force of less than 7,000 men defeated the 50,000strong Indian peacekeeping force, which lost almost 1,200 dead in two and a half years of trying to bring the Tigers to heel before ignominiously withdrawing Earlier he fought the Sri Lankan Army to a The Tigers' leader carries a

.375 Magnum, has kept a pet leopard cub named Sita, after the heroine of Ramayana, the Hindu epic, and is regarded with fanatical devotion by his troops, highly trained and disciplined for all that they are in the main aged 14 and 15. The Tigers resemble a secret blood brotherhood, trained with Jesnitical dedication, in whom obedience is deeply ingrained. No Tiger may question or disobey an order or leave the Tigers' ranks. "One should not underestimate the sense of holy war: the goal of eelam (homeland) is sacred.' a diplomat in Colombo said.

Mr Prabakaran was four times reported to have been killed or captured by the Indian forces: each time the reports proved false, enhancing the legend of his invulnerability. He lives mostly in the tropical rainforest, but when he appears in public he is invariably surrounded by six bodyguards. He is said to have an uncanny sense of when his forces are about to be attacked or when an attempt is days of unarmed policemen in to be made on his life.

But the charismatic Tigers' leader, in his camouflaged military fatigues the very image of the slightly overweight hero beloved of the Indian film industry, would scarcely be considered a suitable role model for the young in most societies - not least since he is, among other things, a ruthless killer.

According to diplomats in Colombo, Mr Prabakaran first made his name when, aged 21. he stepped up to the mayor of Jaffna, capital of the Tamil heartland in northern Sri Lanka, and shot him in the head outside his office. He is said also to have killed Sri Lankan troops in ambushes. The son of a family belong-

ing to the Kariayar, a poor fishermen's caste in the Jaffna peninsula which was also involved historically in smug-gling and piracy, Mr Prabak-

VELUPILLAI Prabakaran, aran is a man of action, a cross eastern Sri Lanka, if conbetween Robin Hood and Al Capone. Like his men and cyanide capsule round his neck to be swallowed in the event of capture. Sporting a heavy moustache and with flecks of grey in his

hair. Mr Prabakaran had only a modest education. "He took to living by the gun at a relatively early age," a senior envoy in Colombo said. A Tamil in the capital, trying to explain Mr Prabakaran's mystique, said: "The Tamils were not considered a martial race. They were astrologers, mathematicians and school-teachers. But Prabakaran was able to build these raw youths into a quite extraordinarily effective fighting force, and in this way he gave the Tamils a new sense of pride in themselves."

The Tigers are in some ways the equal of the Abu Nidal group in ruthlessness. Last Tuesday 13 Sri Lankan Tamil opponents of the Tigers were assassinated in Madras, capital of the state of Tamil Nadu, in India. The authorities vesterday retaliated with a crackdown on Tamil militants, arresting 600 of them in the Politically, the Tigers have

been called everything from Marxist to fascist. They parrot a half-hearted socialist rhetoric, but their programme is vague. In one socially positive action, they have moved to abolish the dowry system in Jaffna. But, according to a diplomat here, they have never really had a political wing, putting their faith in the power of the gun. The massacres in recent

firmed, would not be a surprise. In their march to power, the Tigers have ruthlessly used mass bombings of civilians, ing a split. indiscriminately killing men, ment that the Jaffna Tigers women and children, usually from the Sinhalese majority in

Sri Lankans admit they most fear Tiger mines: an innocent palm tree, hollowed out and filled with explosives, can suddenly explode, spraying anyone near with lethal But this time the Tigers may

have overreached themselves. Yesterday they were withdrawing into the tropical forest under the command of Karikalam, aged 21, their military leader in eastern Sri Lanka, as government troops mopped up. In many cases the Tigers were abandoning an increasingly disillusioned civilian population. "The Tigers started this mess and now they are leaving us," one Tamil civilian complained in a village devastated by war. "Now we have to worry about what the army will do."

There were also reported Tigers' leaders in the Jaffna



pensinsula among guerrillas in the east, scene of most of the fighting of the past 10 days. Nobody, however, is predict-There was said to be resent-

were giving the orders while the eastern Tigers were the ones fighting and dying. The eastern Tigers certainly seem at a disadvantage, losing their positions in towns and villages where in past days they have been forced to fight a conventional war that has cost them substantial casualties instead of the guerrilla campaign which is their strength. There are other reasons why

the Tigers are less than wildly popular even among Sri Lanka's sometimes persecuted minority Tamils. "The intolerance of dissidence, the summary system of justice, and the harsh taxation to finance the fighting have all played a role in reducing the popularity of the Tigers," said one frequent traveller into Tiger-controlled areas. "Many people just wish the Tigers would go away and leave them Was the current round of

fighting really necessary? During a year of talks the Tigers seemed to be wringing concessions on local automony from a Sri Lankan government which appears to have little stomach left for fighting. Prabakaran was persuaded by his political aides to give the negotiating process a chance," said a Colombo diplomat, "but he was never really interested in or comfortable with political discussion". Mr Prabakaran, whose wife

is also a militant, is after all a man who lives by the gun.

Washington feel that with

mid-term elections approach-

ing, a meeting between the two

leaders in Tokyo could trigger

charges that Mr Bush had

turned soft on Cuba. It has not

## Clergy hail Saddam's arsenal

Baghdad — More than 700 Islamic clergy from 70 Mus-lim countries meeting here declared that President Saddam Hussein, Iraq's "boly warrior", is obeying God and the Koran in building weapons of mass destruction.

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They passed a declaration accusing Israel, the United States and Britain of a vicious media campaign and called on Muslims around the world to prepare to defend Iraq against a likely Israeli attack. (Reuter)

### Punjab killings Delhi - Six people were killed

in Punjab as the state governor called an all-party conference to seek ways to curb militants fighting for a separate Sikh homeland. (AFP)

# Hijacker plea

Helsinki - The Soviet Union has asked for the extradition of Oleg Kozlov, aged 20, who hijacked an Aeroflot aircraft with 59 people on board to Finland on Tuesday. (Reuter)

## Nick of time

Bilbao - A child, among five others crammed into a policeman's car to be driven to school, spotted a bomb under the front seat. The bomb defused. (Reuter)

## **Jail for four**

Amsterdam - Three men and a woman caught in February with 2.85 tonnes of cocaine, the biggest haul in Europe, were jailed for between seven and 13 years. (Reuter)

## Hashish haul

Alicante - Spanish police seized three tonnes of hashish hidden in a truckload of frozen octopus, making a total haul of six tonnes in less than a week. (Reuter)

# Just reward

Melbourne - An underworld hitman. Roy Anthony Politt. was jailed until at least the year 2014 for a bungled contract killing in which he shot the wrong man. (AP)

## Hunan floods

Peking - Heavy flooding left an estimated 198 people dead in the southern Chinese province of Hunan. It was one of the worst floods in 40 years in the region. (AFP)

## River tragedy

Rangoon - More than 50 people were feared drowned in the Irrawaddy river when a double-decker ferry capsized

# Taylor in launch of Aids fund

A FRAIL Elizabeth Taylor announcing in San Francisco vesterday \$400,000 (£233,000) in international Aids grants to be distributed by the American Foundation for Aids Research. It was her first public appearance after a nine-week bout of pneumonia. The fund is aimed at help-

ing grassroots groups in developing countries to focus their strategies for combating the disease. Miss Taylor, a cofounder of the research foundation as well as its international chairman, said that the grants will extend the organisation's reach to East and Central Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Southeast Asia. "From tiny villages in

Uganda to the teeming slums of Rio, the International Fund seeds of knowledge and hope, potentially saving thousands of lives in the process," said Miss Taylor. The president of the Ameri-

can research fund, Mervyn Silverman, said the money will help Aids groups in their bids for help from Western na-tions. "I always like the idea of training the trainer, because then you magnify your effort," The actress had to be helped

up to the podium platform and smiled with relief as she negotiated the 12-inch rise. Dressed in a black, tea-length dress, high heels and striking gold accessories. Miss Taylor waved and smiled at the cheering crowd, clearly enjoying the enthusiastic welcome. But Miss Taylor, whose

publicist said that she was near death at one point during her illness, spoke slowly and carefully, making few departures from the prepared





## Castro 'wants to meet Bush' From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

its increasing diplomatic isolation with a meeting between President Castro and President Bush here, a Japanese newspaper said yesterday.

Asahi Shimbun reported that Havana had informally asked Tokyo to arrange a meeting between the two leaders if the US president attends Akihito in November.

The Cuban embassy in Tokyo said that the report of what would be a startling dinlomatic overture "may be true, may not". Officials at the foreign ministry here said there had been no official. The respected national daily wished to see Mr Bush to im-request from Havana to set up said government officials in prove relations with the US.

CUBA may be looking to end such a meeting, and thought the chances of it were slim. They suggested that the request might have been made to one of many Japanese MPs who have developed ties with Havana. If the report is true, the overture would be the clearest sign yet of how isolated Cuba may be feeling in the Cold War thaw, with only North Korea for company.

The newspaper said it had received details of the Cuban request from sources in the Japanese government and the ruling Liberal Democratic

been decided if Mr Bush will go to the enthronement. Asahi Shimbun quoted a senior Liberal Democrat of-

ficial as saying Havana had told Japan that Dr Castro would represent Cuba at the ceremony, although the Japanese Foreign Ministry said yesterday that it had not received an official acceptance party. It added that "the US from Havana. The newspaper response has been negative". said that President Castro

and sank in monsoon winds near here. The ferry was carrying about 200 passen-

### Hip-hoppers face legal rap after judge says song is obscene English professor and leading ex-From Charles Bremner rhyming patter over mixes of American commentators cannot

IN NEW YORK

TELEVISION screens in America were flooded the other day with shots of beefy, white southern sheriffs pushing young black men against a wall and slapping on handcuffs. There was nothing surprising about the image, which could have come from any nightly news item on the drug wars. The bust in this case was

unusual because the young men were the first citizens to be charged with composing and performing an obscene song. The arrests in Flor-ida of the two members of the rap group 2 Live Crew and the prosecution of a Fort Lauderdale shopkeeper for selling their record have furnished fresh fuel for racial misunderstanding and prompted a bout of soul-searching over the current fashion for what is fashionably called "nastiness" in US culture.

Rap music, or hip-hop, has been around since the mid-1970s, when disc jockeys in the South Bronx first improvised a swaggering,

records on their turntables. But only in the past couple of years did the genre, like so many previous ghetto inventions, reach the mainstream. In February it was enshrined by Time magazine as "the most exciting development in American pop music in more than a decade"

The trouble with rap, as Britain has just witnessed with the tour by Niggers With Attitude, is that the most successful exponents have ventured to the farther reaches of what society considers obscene, degrading and racially inflammatory. Rape and anti-semitism are frequent topics for glorification,

It was not so long ago that the Rolling Stones were forced to bowdlerise their lyrics for US television and British punks were disgusting their elders. But in comparison with lines such as "Let's spend the night together" (changed to "Let's spend

some time together"), the lyrics of

2 Live Crew are explosive stuff.

They are generally so obscene that

bring themselves to quote any of the offending texts. Most involve endless description of sexual violence in which women are always depicted as "bitches" in need of humiliation.

A judge decreed the 2 Live Crew album, "As Nasty as They Wanne Be", obscene, and the sheriff moved in guaranteeing a blitz of publicity for the Miami band, which had already sold nearly two million copies. US courts have acted often

against publications and graphic art, but never had anyone been prosecuted for a music recording. When the rappers reach trial, the lawyers will devote their time to a catch-all clause in the Supreme Court's cruerion of obscenity. This holds that no work can be considered obscene unless it "lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value".

In the furore since the arrests, musical experts and black leaders have rushed to defend the Crew. pronouncing their music a valuable ment press has weighed in gingerly, condemning both the roughest of the rapsters and the prosecution. The Washington Post attacked the "vile emissions" and "brutish and gross" lyrics, but argued that "the government should stay out of it". The recording industry has ob-

served an embarrassed silence. For the defenders, the authorities have simply failed to grasp what rap is all about. They say that this is deliberate mocking hyperbole, which springs from an old black tradition of profanity as practised by everyone from pioneer jazz musicians to Eddie Murphy. Rap represents a fictionalised oral history of a brutalised generation, say the sociologists and musicologists. In their gold chains and leather gear, the practitioners only give the appearance of glamourising the culture of the drug dealers. They are in fact participating in a venerable "carnival tradition".

The most scholarly or preposterous defence, depending on your view, came from Henry Gates, an pert on street culture. "These young artists are acting out to lively dance music a parodic exaggera-tion of the age-old stereotype of the oversexed black female and male." Professor Gates, "decoding" the genre as the fashionable jargon puts it, sees traces of the "trickster monkey" of West African tradition. But not all blacks have rushed to defend rap. Many are alarmed at the message that it conveys to the young fans who idolise 2 Live Crew

and the other extreme groups.
Dorothy Height, head of the
Natonal Council of Negro Women, is one of many who are appalled at the degrading approach to women. Stanley Crouch, a leading New York jazz critic, considers the music a hateful "slice of the worst of a small element of black culture". Black Americans, he said, should stop trying to defend everything that says it represents black authenticity.

The apologists do have a reasonable point when they complain about the way the black rappers

have been singled out. The Village: Voice in New York suggested that rap started stirring real racial fear' when young white fans began flocking to it. Plenty of white performers have been testing the limits lately. Andrew Dice Clay and Sandra Bernhardt, both white comedians, have earned great-celebrity by specialising in the crude and offensive. According to Adweek magazine,

Madison Avenue is working on new commercials that will reflect the vogue for the vulgar. That says "much for the mood of the nation," given that the advertising industry never leads but mirrors the broadest tastes of the moment. The liking for the raw, it seems, reflects a boredom among the middle, classes, born of excessive comfort.

Joe Pytka, the director of some of the most imaginative commercials in America, said: "There's a lot of nastiness around, and there' are people in advertising who willuse it. It's a vicarious thrill forpeople to see this stuff and hear itarticulated."

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The sheer enormity of the

because both the Reagan White House and the Demo-

crat-controlled Congress parti-

cipated in the key deregula-

tory decisions in the early

1980s which contributed to

the subsequent speculative

On Tuesday, however, Mar-

lin Fitzwater, the White

House press secretary, sharply raised the stakes. Responding to a Democratic congressman,

who had dubbed Mr Bush

night" in the early 1980s and

claimed they played "a big role" in the collapse of the

this issue is, the normally amiable Mr Fitzwater urged reporters to investigate the

congressman's financial background and added: "If they

want to make a political issue of this, we'll be glad to do it."

In the context of a scandal

so large and abstract that the public has difficulty comprehending it, the specific case of Neil Bush could prove

highly damaging to the Republicans. He was a direc-

tor of the Colorado-based Silverado S & L which was

closed by the government in December 1988, at an esti-

mated cost to the taxpayer of

In evidence to the House

banking committee on Wed-

nesday, a former S & L regulator said that in October 1988

his superiors in Washington ordered him to suspend closure for two months until after the presidential campaign.

At the same hearing, the committee released a docu-

ment outlining three charges of alleged insider abuse lev-

elled against Mr Bush by the Office of Thrift Supervision,

supervisory body, in January.

Silverado of a business part-

ner's \$3 million loan to his oil

exploration company when

Silverado was writing off most

The document recommended that Mr Bush and the

other Silverado executives be

barred from the banking industry. All but Mr Bush agreed to the ban earlier this year. The thrift supervision office agreed to mitigate the

penalty against Mr Bush, but he has refused to accept that

either, insisting on his

In a separate appearance before the committee, Mr Bush strenuously denied any wrongdoing and the White House has denied with equal force that the president's son has been shielded from prosecution. The thrift supervision office has denied that Silverado's closure was delayed for political reasons and said there was insufficient evidence to sustain the original penalty against Mr Busb. However, one Democrat member of the committee, Frank Annunzio, asked: "Can any agency of the US fairly and impartially investigate the son of the president?"

innocence.

CANADIAN Airlines has worse. Originally, the Cabeen thrown into a tailspin by nadian government had said

ocen thrown into a tailspin by an internal report which shows that banning smoking out flights, a move that will soon be forced on all registered Canadian airlines by intered Canadian airlines by the state of the smoking on all flights in one fell swoop on July 1.

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airlines, or even international

legislators, to outlaw smoking

in the same way as the Canadians and to provide a

"level playing field" in which

everyone will at least have the

"Our aircraft will lead less

maintenance because the air filters will not need cleaning

so often and the cabin will be

cleaner for longer," admitted

Mr Jenkins. "But it will only

same problem.

Canadian Airlines have

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S & L industry.

boom-and-bust.

# Spotlight on Bush's son in savings bank scandal

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

CONGRESSIONAL investi- have to be seized by the gators examining America's government, at a cost to the Savings and Loan crisis, the American taxpayer of about Savings and Loan crisis, the American taxpayer of about biggest financial scandal in US \$150 billion (£87 billion). history, have locked on to the activities of Neil Bush, the President's 34-year-old son and a former director of the bankrupt Silverado S & L.

They unearthed evidence this week that Washington delayed the closure of Silverado until after the 1988 presidential election, and federal regulators established in January that Neil Bush had three times violated conflict-of-interest rules. No action had yet been taken against him.

The disclosures coincided with signs that Democrats and Republicans may be preparing for a battle to pin respon-sibility for the S & L debacle on the other side in this year of mid-term elections.

"the S&L president", he referred to legislation the Democrats had "pushed through ... in the dead of Latest estimates suggest that up to 1,700 failing S & Ls - similar to British building societies - may eventually

N Korea ready to talk with **Seoul** 

> From REUTER IN SEOUL

NORTH Korea yesterday agreed to resume political talks with South Korea after three weeks of criticising Seoul for a meeting between President Roh Tae Woo and the leader of the Soviet Union, the North's old ally.

Pyongyang proposed that government officials meet at the border village of Panmun-jom on June 28 to arrange unprecedented talks between their prime ministers, a Seoul government spokesman said. It also proposed a Panmunjom meeting on July 12 to discuss reunification of the Korean peninsula, split at the

end of the second world war. "North Korea is making a complete change of position in the government's S&L a week but we welcome their decision to reopen dialo the spokesman said.

● Agent's remorse: Kim Hyun Hui, a self-confessed North Korean agent who blew up a South Korean airliner in 1987, killing 115 people, told a of an \$11 million loan to that press conference yesterday she lived in constant remorse. Same partner. The document of the constant remorse.

Kim, aged 28, was con-victed, sentenced to hang and then pardoned, though she says she deserved to die for her crime. She said she had not yet begun to think of her future, a job and how to respond to many offers of marriage. (Reuter)



istered Canadian airlines by

Ottawa, may cost the com-

pany more than £20 million a

year. The airline is especially concerned that Japanese will

Half of Japanese air trav-

ellers smoke and those who go

first or business class smoke

more than passengers in econ-

"More than 80 per cent of

all the people on our services

between Canada and Japan

originate from Japan," said the executive vice president of

Canadian Airlines, Kevin

Jenkins. Banning smoking on

these flights, he said, would cost the company about £20

turn to rival airlines.

omy seats.



That police arresting Sit Nyein Aye, a Burmese student exile, outside the Burmese embassy in Bangkok yesterday after he began a hunger strike against the detention in Rangoon of Aung San Sun Kyi, the opposition leader

# Explosions rock American carrier

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

injured, nine of them seriously, after two explosions rocked the US Navy aircraft carrier Midway as it coasted off eastern Japan yesterday.

The accident is the latest in ders involving American its home port of Yokosuka, weapons, which is a contro-forces here that have been near Tokyo. Jeff Gradeck, a versial issue in Japan. But the

The blaze that triggered the two explosions was brought under control by crewmen. The vessel, the flagship of the US Seventh Fleet, was steaming under its own power last a string of mishaps and blunnight but was not returning to

A CREWMAN was reported testing the Japanese people's military spokesman at Yoko-missing and 16 others were patience. military spokesman at Yoko-suka, said: "There were 16 the fire had been contained." ported missing". The seriously injured were flown to

There was immediate con-

hospitals in Japan.

replaced by the Independence next year, is not nuclearpowered and Japanese sources said that it was not carrying cern because the Midway is nuclear weapons. The US is equipped to carry nuclear supposed to advise Japan if it is bringing nuclear weapons

# France pledges to stand by its African family

From Susan MacDonald in la baule

PRESIDENT Mitterrand told longer be given loans but the heads of state and other offered 100 per cent gifts of representatives of the 35 Af- money. He suggested for rican countries assembled countries with intermediary here yesterday for the 16th status that there should be a 5 Franco-African summit that per cent ceiling on interest France would not abandon

"France is decided on pursoing her help for Africa." M Mitterrand said emphatically at the opening of the summit in this French seaside resort west of Nantes. Unlike other Western countries which have now made the opening-up towards democracy a priority for continued aid, M Mitterrand declared that "France would be faithful to her history".

The question of installing democracy, he said, was one of time coupled with economic development, and France would stay at Africa's side 10 continue to help in the development of the continent.

He reminded his audience that France was the biggest African aid donor among the world's most industrialised countries and that new, more Ottawa two years ago, thanks

to a French initiative. Now, he said, the world's poorest countries should no

paid on loans made by the French state agency concerned with Africa. He was also determined to plead for Africa at the EC Dublin summit next week and in Houston next month for the seven most

industrialised nations. "France will stand by you, M Mitterrand told the leaders who had walked on to the stage in the conference hall in depressing silence. It is understood that there were harsh words at informal talks on Tuesday. Some leaders com-plained that France, and world opinion, were putting enormous pressure on them at a difficult time.

King Hassan of Morocco, chairman of this year's con-ference, welcomed participants to a summit with a difference, due to the radical world events in the year since the last meeting Africa, he flexible structures for debt, said, could have stayed outrepayment had been agreed in Side this renaissance but was Ottawa two years ago, thanks too much part of the world not to be affected.

French disillusion, page 12

# BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD.

Even if you left Britain as long ago as 11th October 1970, you can still choose the inhabitants of this House.

Under the Representation of the People Act of 1989, important changes have been made in who can vote in UK Parliamentary and European Parliamentary Elections.

- The qualifying period for the right to vote for people living abroad has been extended from five to twenty years. That means if you left the UK as long ago as October 1970 you can still vote.

- People who left the UK before they were old enough to be included on the Electoral Register may register as overseas electors.

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million and put it at a commercial disadvantage. When the company's main rival on the routes — Japanese Airlines — heard of the ban, it sent a letter to MT Jenkins. 50 MT Jenkins. "But it will only save us a tiny proportion of the amount we will lose."

Kim: constant remorse for airline bombing Canadian Airlines hit by smoking ban By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

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# About-turn on the right

**Michael Kinsley** 

merica cannot, apparently, be the world's policeman. Political quarrels in foreign lands are none of our business Our nation, it seems, is "on the verge of catastrophic decay" because we have been ignoring the problems of the poor. New government initiatives are needed. These are not sentiments culled from the 1972 presidential campaign of the Democrat George McGovern. These are "new ideas" being trumpeted by America's

triumphant conservatives. To which the proper response is an exasperated, "Now they tell us!"

Mr McGovern's slogan was "Come home, America". The conservative Patrick Buchanan now writes, "America is coming home". He recommends, as part of a "new nationalism", the withdrawal of all American troops stationed abroad and a general indifference to the fate of foreign

Irving Kristol, the leading "neoconservative", confesses that he has achieved that indifference. He resents the pages devoted to international news in The New York Times. The struggle between "a Mr Doe and a Mr Taylor" in Liberia gives him "a sense of numbness". Ethiopians starve as brutal Marxists fight it out for power, but "one's fund of compassion for suffering peoples all over the world is limited...we have no national interest there." Godspeed to the Burmese struggling for democracy, but Burma has been undemocratic for decades, "and the American people seem not to have experienced any trauma as a consequence".

What has changed? The answer, of course, is the collapse of communism. But this answer raises other questions. What, in retrospect, was the cold war about? Was it only about protecting the physical security of the United States? If so, was the huge military effort of the past halfcentury entirely necessary? After all, the US is a continent-nation with nuclear weapons. Couldn't Europe and Japan have fended for themselves?

And weren't the liberals unarguably right about, say, Vietnam? The only Americans threatened by the Vietcong were those we sent there to fight them. The anti-war argument was that the fate of this distant nation was none of our business, or at least beyond our power to affect. Callous, perhaps, but exactly what Mr Kristol now says about Burma.

On the other hand, if the cold war was about something more, about promoting American values in the world, why has that mission ended with the collapse of communism? Democracy is far from triumphant everywhere, but the Kristol-Buchanan line is that we should no longer care. Mr Bu- Republic.

ust over 100 years ago

Queen Victoria sent a note

to her son Bertie suggesting

that two days spent at Royal

Ascot should henceforth be

considered a sufficiency; three

days, Her Majesty believed, was

a superfluity, while to attend on

all four afternoons would cause

the populace to think that

taken hold of the future mon-

arch. As the people had been

thinking along those lines for some decades, Bertie (later,

much later, Edward VII) contin-

ued his daily attendances at the

royal course. I find it wholly

reassuring to move in the

Ascot in June and, say, Wolver-

hampton in October lies in the

social approach: in both loca-

tions well-groomed horses are

provoked by small, angry,

brightly clothed men to run

faster than they had a mind to -

and at each location knowledge-

able citizens place their hard-

earned money on the outcome.

central London in the middle

evening, explain your penury as

in the Royal Hunt Cup, and

your audience accords you the kindly sympathy deserving one

whose ankle has been savaged

by a royal corgi. But tell them that you did your cash at Fontwell Park on a tubed

gelding loaded with your life

savings but unable to find a gap

between two horses on the rails, and the milk of human kindness

I must mention one more

thing ere I continue. Horse

racing is about taking a view of the relative merits of horse and

jockey, bearing in mind the

prevailing conditions of the terrain and the current form of

the training establishment

There are — and I know this

because ever and anon one

comes across such folk - those

who speak of the poetry of

movement, the thrill of a

horse's configuration; at race

meetings these are as rare as are

their cousins who sit by the

railway line appreciating the

gines. For the rest of us, racing is

about betting. And good betting

is when there are in a contest an

adequate number of horses all

carrying the quiet confidence of tulips. RIP.

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CLEMENT FREUD

chanan goes further than tiberals ever did, attacking what he calls "the Democratist temptation, the worship of democracy" as "a false god". His "new nationalism" is

purer than that.

Despite the "come home" rhetoric, liberals were never isolationists. Their objection was not to foreign entanglements per se, but to bloodshed and war. By contrast, the new conservative isolationism - which is really a throwback to the conservative isolationism of America before the second world war - seems to revel in bloodshed but resents the entanglements. Just when the world seems ready for some of the gooier aspects of internationalism global environmental co-operation, free-trade zones, and so on -the conservatives want to hole up.

Meanwhile two prominent Republicans, Representative Newt Gingrich and Jack Kemp, President Bush's housing secretary, want conservatives to launch a war on poverty. The Gingrich line is a bit vague. There is some wonderful malarkey about a triangle with "basic American values" on the bottom and "technological progress" and "entre-preneurial free enterprise" up the sides, but distilled to its essence, Mr Gingrich's idea is that private and local government initiatives should replace the federal "bureaucratic state". For example, he is offering poor eight-year-olds in his district \$2 for each book they read this summer.

Mr Kemp's essence is even more elusive. He certainly has no objection to national-level efforts. In an article in the Wall Street Journal of June 12, he endorsed half a dozen expensive new federal initiatives. The only thing that might be labelled conservative about the Kemp laundry list is his refusal to say where the money comes from.

This laughable omission is the unifying thread in what is being called "bleeding-heart conservatism". Is there a crisis of the underclass? Is giving eight-year-olds \$2 per book a sensible response to it? If so, why should it depend on a publicity-seeking congressman with campaign money to burn?

To be sure, new approaches to America's social problems are needed, and welcome. But ideas have been blocked for the past decade not so much by the liberal establishment as by conservative opposition to any national initiative other than vacuous volunteerism to address any social problem other than drugs.

If American conservatism now stands for an active and specific concern for the poor, and a positive distaste for military adventurism, that's nice. But the ideological con game is annoying.

their connections, and such

events occur at Ascot. No one

runs their horses other than on

merit (naturally this is also said

to happen elsewhere, but I

And Ascot-goers are a bit

special in the way they dress.

About a quarter of the crowd go

to show off their hats, or show

off the wearers of hats; another

two-figure percentage appear to

move in a serious fandango

around the lawn, and anthro-

pologists abound preparing a

treatise on British custom. Gyp-

sies sell heather, offering to kick

you in the face should you

decline their wares. All in all,

high winds followed by high

We of the quiet majority

weighed down by the upcoming

asparagus and salmon, lobsters

and raspberries keep a hand on

our top hats, endlessly rub the

prawn-cocktail sauce from the

tails of our morning coats,

replenish glasses with pink champagne and realise that you

would have to be astonishingly

fortunate to break even on the

day. For in the car park sits a

chauffeur awaiting his daily hire fee of £150. The brothers Moss

await the return of your suit -

or £35 for each day they do not

get it back. Then there's the hat,

the shoes, the £19 entrance fee, and jellied eels (hard to get in

this socially rarified atmos-

and Market Rasen, where a fiver gets you all the fun of the

fair and no one looks at your tie

and asks whether surely this is

What is wholly predictable

about this jolly meeting is the

conversation. Rain or fine,

whether you wear the latest creation or something gouged from the rumble chest in the

attic, everyone will want to

know how you got to the course:

was it the M4 or the M3? Whatever did cars do before they built the M25? For how

long did you queue in which car

park, and "Do you see that woman with a tulip hat deco-

rated with tulips and a bunch of

has slumped into a bank of

the first three winners."

not the Channel Islands Eclec-

tics cricket club neckwear.

Not long now to the autumn

phere) cost £1.80.

skirts, followed by me.

would not put my shirt on it).

Rosemary Righter on French disenchantment with Africa's corrupt and incompetent leaders

# Why the dictators should tremble

t last year's French Revolu-tion bicentennial celebrastically noted the pride of place on the viewing podium accorded by President Mitterrand to two of black Africa's oldest warhorses Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire and Félix Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast, neither of them noted for a commitment to *liberté* or *égalité*. Both are absent from the Franco-African summit which opened at La Baule yesterday.

Democracy is squarely on the summit agenda: thousands of demonstrating Africans have put it there. Once, President Mobutu might have shrugged off the recent massacre by military commandos of students at Lubumbashi University who were taking part in a march for democracy. No longer. Yesterday, he ordered the arrest of the provincial governor and the

university's president.
After 30 years' unquestioned authority, Houphouet-Boigny has been forced to lower his sights from the dome of the giant basilica, dwarfing St Peter's, in his home village of Yamassoukrou to deal with humiliating ultimatums

In some ways the mystery fits

into a well-known pattern: the

Unprovable Solution. This, as its

name implies, is the one that is

vulnerable to every serious stu-

dent and every lunatic alike. A

perfect example is the mystery of the Mary Celeste. All we know for

certain about her fate is that she

was found abandoned by her

entire crew, with evidence of great

haste, even panic, in the evacua-

tion, though she was perfectly

sound and in no danger of sinking.

The answers range through can-

nibals, sea-monsters, hallucina-tion, mutual massacre, collective

insanity and the belief that Bacon

wrote Shakespeare, but no seeker

after the solution has ever been

able to convince anyone with a

rival solution, which must surely

There is another form of puzzle

which attracts followers over the

vears, with new recruits always

available: the Mystery Cleared Up. This is the kind which baffles

everybody for years or even

centuries, only to be conclusively

settled in a way which leaves no

one in any doubt that it has been.

The famous An Enquiry into the

Nature of Certain 19th-century Pamphlets, which nailed Thomas

J. Wise as a forger and a thief, is a

notable example. (Though even

the two detectives in that story

Piltdown Man, although having

affinities with both the Mary

Celeste and the book-forger mys-

teries, is not quite the same as

either. Experts may still bicker

over the details, especially the

identity of the "Second Man" (it is

appailingly reminiscent of the spy

nonsense), but there is now a

general consensus among stu-dents of the subject that the

perpertrator of the hoax was

almost certainly Charles Dawson,

a perfectly respectable solicitor.

Two obstacles prevent the book

being finally closed. The first is that although the weight of evi-

dence against Dawson is over-

whelming, most of it is negative:

Dawson's guilt will fit. The second

missed Wise's accomplice.)

be the one inescapable test.

freedom and justice are, in the words of Jacques Pelletier, France's minister for cooperation, "shaking the coconut palms" of Francophone Africa.
That is a considerable understatement. Only last February, Gabon's state-run press was trumpeting confidently that Africa

would be unaffected by events in Eastern Europe. Within weeks, President Omar Bongo was forced to promise multi-party democracy; and when an opposition leader was murdered last month, riots followed. Port Gentil, centre of the vital oil industry, was severely damaged, 1,800 for-eigners were evacuated and the rench garrison was reinforced.

From "state capitalist" Ivory Coast to Marxist-Leninist Benin, regimes which until recently seemed unassailable are struggling to survive by mixing repression with promises to raise living standards - and, more dramatically, to abandon one-party

dictatorships.
This ferment, the embattled M Pelletier could have added, has spread to the metropolis. Far from being the usual avuncular celebrasion civilisatrice, the summit opened to a barrage of domestic criticism of France's support for corrupt, nepotistic and incompetent dictatorships. Debate about the validity of tiers-mondisme once unquestioningly accepted in France, has divided intellectuals

to a degree unthinkable in Britain. That debate is suddenly making headlines, and M Mitterrand is directly in the line of fire, not only because French policy in Africa has always been the preserve of the Elysée, but because his son, Jean-Christophe, is his personal representative to African governments.

M Mitterrand limbered up for this week's gathering of 35 African countries (not all of them Frenchspeaking) with a sweep through four statelets in the Indian Ocean. There, he declared that "there is no democracy without dev-elopment". The words, unusually inept, underline the bankruptcy of French policy in Africa: the watchword today is that there is no development without democracy.

France has sought stability to the point of ignoring African leaders' contempt for human rights and their propensity for lining their pockets. This is partly because Paris is well aware that French decolonisation littered Africa with flag-and-anthem ministates too poor in resources and population to be economically viable. Of the 14 countries in the African franc zone - core and

have fewer than 10 million people. To evade the consequences of this original error, France has kept the umbilical cord attached, and pumped through it a steady flow of administrators, soldiers, money and culture. Altruism was not, of course, undiluted: French aid purchased French machinery and arms - and French luxuries for the rulers. But the costs to France have escalated just as French patience with bankrolling kleptocracies has begun to run out, and Africans themselves are finding

symbol of French control - 11

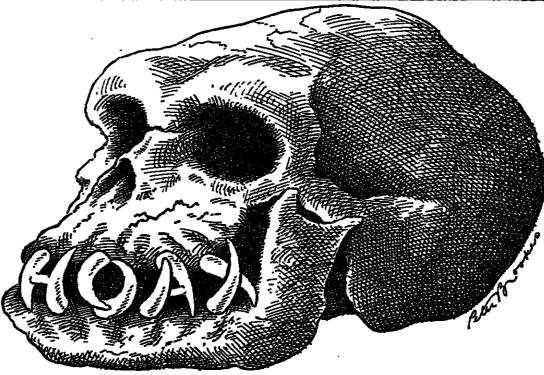
their voices. Yesterday, M Mitterrand recycled the rhetoric about not abandoning Africa in its hour of need and promised further debt concessions. But officials are on the defensive. While emphasising stability and warning against "sudden dislocations" of the political map, they increasingly insist that human rights are upheld.

French policy is at a turning point. M Pelletier pleaded in Le Monde this week that for France "to impose a forced march to-wards political pluralism" would be unacceptable interference in the affairs of independent countries, but his words are being drowned by demands that France show whether it is on the side of the dictators or their victims.

For Houphouet-Boigny at least, the message is clear. Last month, when mutinous conscripts captured the airport and marched on his palace, he asked his old friend Mitterrand to activate a 1961 defence agreement and mobilise 600 locally-based marines in his support. The Elysée dispatched a single lieutenant-colonel on an "advisory mission", while the marines stayed in their barracks. The wise old man of Francophone Africa has become as embarrassing a white elephant as the palaces, congress hall and basilica dominating his jungle birthplace. And if the relatively moderate "Houph" cannot count on French support, which dictator in French

# Was the expert of experts history's great skuldugger?

iltdown man again; will As Piltdown Man is again disinterred, Bernard Levin that tap never stop dripping? What is it that draws believes the finger is pointed in the wrong direction women, experts and passers-by, detective-minded people with time on their hands and serious scientists whose time is precious?



is more intriguing; throughout all the years and arguments, nobody, not even the most fervent Dawson-fingerer, has come up with a solution to the obvious question: why did he do it?

The ground has been bitterly fought over, indeed, when the scientific approach by the real experts made clear that Dawson must be the "villain" (I put it in quotation marks because no crime was committed, nor was any money gained by the hoax), a friend of Dawson wrote an entire book in a splendidly waspish tone to vindicate his maligned hero. The experts had published their findings in a scholarly form in The Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History), and you can't get any more scholarly than that. However, so much interest was generated by their study, called The Solution of the Piltdown Problem, that a more popular version was called for, and one of the three, Dr J.S. Weiner, took it upon himself to write the book. It was called The Piltdown Forgery,

and the book that Dawson's friend wrote was entirely devoted to answering Weiner: he even called

it The Piltdown Fantasy. A story which can generate such heat must have staying power; that power is such that yet another book is about to burst on the controversy and wake the longdead participants. Weiner, in his meticulous study, allowed a tiny chink of possible innocence into the formidable argument for Dawson's guilt; apart from that, the only remaining mystery is the identity of the Second Man. The long cast of possibles for the role includes William Sollas, formerly Oxford professor of palaeont-ology; Father Teilhard de Chardin: Lewis Abbott, an amateur collector of fossils, and Conan Doyle (though this is getting very extravagant). But the theory to be put forward by Professor Frank Spencer of the City University of New York does not purport to have established the name of the Second Man; he argues that Weiner's conclusive identification

of the first man was wrong: Spencer's candidate is to take the number one spot on the ballot. He is Sir Arthur Keith, one of the most distinguished scientists in the field of anthropology and allied endeavours that this country has had.

As far as I know, nobody has ever suggested that Keith was even the Second Man, let alone the First, and the claim is sure to be botly contested, even though there can hardly be any friends, let alone relatives, to get indignant: Keith died in 1955, childless, at the age of 88. But that is the best thing about these pointless disputes; they raise passions so intense that you might think that the disputants include brothers, sons and wives of most or all of the persons who caused the original uproar.

Keith's reputation was worldwide; professorships and honours were showered upon him, and he was sent prehistoric relics from everywhere, usually for authentication. It is difficult to believe that he was a kind of palaeontological

Berenson, certifying fakes with both hands and taking a rake-off from each. In the first place, there is no evidence that Keith did anything underhand, and in the second, it was all very well for Berenson to take five per cent of the value of a bogus Titian he had certified as genuine, but Keith would have had to do about forty thousand authentications to raise the price of a small cake, even without currants in it.

He did have a connection with Piltdown Man. When it was found, it was naturally shown to Keith; his verdict was that it was genuine: part man, part ape. After Weiner's book appeared, he was asked what he thought now, and replied, "I think you are probably right, but it will take me some time to adjust myself to the new view - hardly the terms in which a faker would discuss the faked.

acon didn't write Shakespeare, you know. On the other hand: "Who fished the murex up? What porridge had John Keats?" I once tried to find out the answer to Browning's question. I got hold of every biography of Keats I could find; not one even had "porridge" in the index. I did not stop there though; I tried ringing up the manufacturers of packet porridge, and asking them if they would look through their archives to see whether one John Keats had been a customer. I got some pretty peculiar answers, I can tell you, though I suppose I should have known I would get nowhere.

Then there was Swedenborg, I had read somewhere that the first edition of his Heaven and Hell had sold only four copies, one of them to Immanuel Kant, who recorded his purchase in his diary. I thought it would be fun to discover who bought the other three copies, but since I had no idea where to start and spoke not a word of Swedish I rapidly abandoned my project.

I would not stake my life on the Piltdown forger being Dawson, but I would stake a tenner, I certainly would not put a penny on poor Sir Arthur Keith, thus hugger-mugger dragged from his grave to answer impertinent questions by Americans. Suffice it that somebody with a sense of humour, all those years ago, smote the academic Philistines with the jawbone of an ape.

## **Major looks to Butler service**

ohn Major looked further afield for advice on his keynote speech last night to the Institute of Directors than his usual clutch of Whitehall advisers. Step forward none other than Sir Michael Butler of Hambros Bank. Sir Michael, a former British ambassador to the European Community, would normally have sunk without a trace (though not without a hefty salary) on retiring from public service. But in a rare instance of Whitehall operating the Washington revolving-door policy, he worked closely with Treasury officials on the Major plan. This was remarkable also in that Butler was a noted "European", not an obvious enthusiast for Major's Machievel-

lian piece of Delors sabotage.
"I worked very closely with his officials over the past week on the subject of the speech," was all Butler would say. But while the City anxiously awaited the speech. Butler was given a sneak preview "It was discussed with me, and I was very happy with what I was told", he said coyly last night. The Treasury was obviously equally happy with the result. Initially Norman Lamont, the chief secretary, was to make the speech. Yesterday he was booted off the platform to be supplanted by his boss in a deft instance of Whitehall news management.

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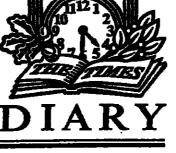
tulips in her hand? She backed Sock it to them But as you approach to glean important information on the A fter the controversy over the BBC recording of Win-ston Churchill's "We shall Queen's Vase, you find that she

one undoubted counterfeit is revealed in Paul Ferris's biography of Sir Huw Wheldon, the late managing director of BBC television, to be published next week. The perpetator was Ken Russell, who made programmes for the BBC arts programme Monitor, which Wheldon ran, in the early 1960s. The relationship was not an easy one and Wheldon blocked many of Russell's early iconoclas-

One day in 1962, however, Russell finally put one over on Wheldon while making a programme about the eccentric actor Bruce Lacey. The BBC archives have a wax cylinder recording of Tennyson reading "The Charge of the Light Brigade", which Russell wanted to use with shots of Lacey's collection of old phonographs. The voice, however, is unclear because the cylinder was once left too near a radiator. Russell therefore stuffed a sock into the tube of an old dictaphone machine to give a suitably muffled sound, and recorded himself imitating the poet. On hearing it, Wheldon was deeply impressed, "Tennyson, eh? Marvellous old chap," he said, immediately authorising transmission.

Scales practice Text month marks the 400th

anniversary of the serpent - not the reptile, which is as old as Adam, but the woodwind instrument invented by the French in 1590. To mark the anniversary, about 50 serpent players, the largest assembly in 200 years, will give a concert at London Zoo, where they will be joined by some of the larger snakes, and another at St John's, Smith Square. The instrument,



about six feet long, is sinuously curved to form the shape from which its name derives. Fewer than 300 survive, only a small percentage of which are playable, and the Loudon Serpent Trio,



which is organising the anniverary celebrations, has had to order a dozen new ones from the instrument-maker Christopher Monk. Yesterday Monk completed work on an anaconda -- as its name suggests, a double-sized contra-bass serpent - taking the number of such instruments in the world to precisely two.

London musical circles are

awaiting the re-emergence of the serpent with a mixture of excite-

ment and puzzlement, "It fell into disuse because it was not easy to play in tune and was replaced by the tuba," says the composer and conductor Roger Norrington, who last year was commissioned by TVS to write a piece for serpent. The serpent has a unique sound and it looks wonderful. The world is now learning that simplicity and ease are not as important as style, whether it be the vogue for classic cars, period houses or authentic instruments." And what sort of sound can we expect from the largest chorus of serpents for two centuries? "It will be a bit of a snake pit," Norrington predicts.

Big shots rebuffed

ome of the most influential politicians in the land are locked in battle with a district council over their clay pigeon shoot. True-blue Sevenoals dis-trict council has warned the likes of the Duke of Somerset, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, who captains the Knights of the Realm team, and a glut of Tory MPs and hereditary peers that it may ban the charity shoot on the grounds that it will generate too much noise. Given that the competition is due to take place in the middle of the Brands Hatch motor-racing circuit, the politicians are not im-

pressed by the argument. The contest and champagne lunch - to which councillors were invited - was scheduled for next month, and was expected to raise £10,000 for the Prince's Trust Now, however, it has been postponed, even though councillors gave the go-shead for last year's

event after assessing the noise But the council is unrepentant. Mork and Mindy Show."

"They only had temporary permission last year," a spokesman said. "It doesn't matter who they are. Their application for this year cannot be considered until later this month, and we cannot guarantee that it will be approved. If the councillors don't want it, they won't have it."

Fairbairn retorts: "Last year we had to use specially silenced guns, so we would not upset the local residents. But as we prepared to fire, Brands Hatch motor cars, permitted by the same local authority, zoomed round leaving us in need of surgery to clear our heads of the vibrations. Will these liberal souls next ban the dawn chorus? I will say this quietly for fear of disturbing anyone: they are a bunch of hypocrites."

## Live actor's hype

n its drive to recruit new teachers, the government is seeking help from an unexpected quarter: the American actor Robin Williams. He is being considered for a starring role in the next phase of the advertising campaign, after playing an Eng-lish master who inspires his pupils in the film Dead Poets Society. The education department has so far spent £2 million through Saatchi and Saatchi on a campaign to boost the profession's image with the slogan "Teaching brings out the best in people" - and already 15,000 would-be teachers have been attracted. But the idea is opposed by many in the education world. Jack Straw, says: "It is entirely consistent with the Tory approach to waste public money on an American actor best known for playing an alien in The

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MR MAJOR'S SMALL COUP

John Major's extraordinary sally into the

realm of European monetary reform last night

must have left his European counterparts

puzzied. What is so remarkable, they must

have asked, about a British finance minister

parroting his boss's well-known view that

Delors "two and three" - the notorious way-

stations on the route to European economic

and political union - are unacceptable to

supporter of the free market and 1992. They

know that Britain believes that the rest of the

Community pays only lip service to markets,

and is deeply suspicious of the deference it

perceives in Brussels to corporatist interests.

They know that M Delors' more advanced

proposals for a single monetary authority, a

single bank and a single currency leave most

Britons baffled, even those who understand

them. The idea of a central community bank -

a Eurofed - repels London because it would

not be accountable to elected governments, to

whom, as John Major said last night, the

electorate looks to ensure its economic

wellbeing. They know that collective determ-

ination of British fiscal policy, British mort-

gage rates and the British Budget judgement is

Yet Mr Major teased his listeners with

promises that "some form of European Monetary Union is desirable", which in time

could indeed "involve institutional and cur-

rency development". He wanted no Big Bangs.

He wanted - rightly - a Europe which does not

put up barriers against trade with the East. He wanted merely "convergence of economic

performance, low inflation and stable ex-

change rates". But, turning from these mother-

hood statements, he said that convergence

would require, given the significant differences

in inflation within the Community, divergent

interest rates. And that alone, he said, "argues

strongly against" a single European monetory

Mr Major's most constructive contribution

was for a "hard" ecu, a parallel Euro-currency

The prison officers are clearly set on

manipulating an instinctive public support for

their work to squeeze ever more pay out of the

this ploy, blindness to the public interest can

easily take over from any concept of service.

From any other point of view, yesterday's five

to one vote for industrial action could hardly

Even before the Strangeways riot had ended,

the Prison Officers' Association sought a man-

date for industrial action from its members

over the claim that jails are under-staffed. Now

that the mandate has been granted, the

association risks committing ritual suicide.

Even modest industrial action could spur

prisoners into another bloody and costly

revolt. Few have forgotten that the spark for

the events of April 30, 1986, when 18 prisons

were hit by rioting within a matter of hours,

was the start of a national overtime ban by

The essence of the officers' complaint is that

the Home Office has not honoured in full its

obligations under the 1987 Fresh Start deal.

This revolutionised the working lives of

officers by introducing a fixed 39-hour week,

with sharply reduced overtime opportunities,

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authority.

too much for most Britons to stomach.

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in return for a substantial rise in basic pay. The prison department promised to make up half the lost overtime hours through staff increases. If the Home Office has erred, the fault has probably been over-ambition rather than

prison staff.

be worse timed.

duplicity. One of the aims of the restructuring was to create an overall 25 per cent "efficiency saving" in the department's running costs over a five-year period. This was to be done partly

THEIR LAST BATTLE

The minister for the armed forces, Archie Hamilton, disclosed in the Commons defence debate this week that a number of Britain's more celebrated regiments may be embarking on their last battle, a battle for survival. Commanding officers will no doubt fight to resist rationalisation. But the eclipse of the Soviet threat has presented the government with a rare opportunity to complete a reorganisation which its predecessors began more than two decades ago.

The army is based on a regimental system, the origins of which lie in the 17th century when men were enlisted by the local squire. In its present form it dates back to Edward Cardwell, war secretary between 1868 and 1874, who not only ended the purchase of commissions, but rebuilt the army to defend the growing empire. He gave each infantry regiment two battalions (one to stay at home while the other was abroad) and endowed it with its own county for recruiting.

The system is good for morale. The Shropshire lad serves alongside kith and kin (or he did when the King's Shropshire Light Infantry existed). This not only helps him to combat homesickness but fills him with local loyalty and pride. Other countries have tried to copy the British model, which suggests that they acknowledge its success.

The model did not survive the last century intact. The post-imperial rundown in overseas postings stripped most regiments of their second battalion and emphasised two underlying weaknesses: the expense and inflexibility of the regimental system. A large number of self-contained units duplicates overhead costs. In both world wars the system broke down

like to see in place before he returns to national politics in France. Mr Major's speech was thus a classic case of jaw-jaw being better than war-war. He hopes to keep Brussels talking at least through the next British election, and through the next German

to stand shoulder to shoulder (though he did

not say this) with the mighty mark. This would

be controlled by a new European Monetary

Fund, a body of utterly Thatcherite rigour, to

ensure that the ecu is not inflationary. Few

Europeans are likely to take this ecu too

seriously, but then they are not meant to. This

is a designer currency, cunning crafted to pass

muster with Margaret Thatcher, a currency

that manages to be anti-inflationary, European

In practice the British ecu would be merely a

sort of traveller's cheque. It would end up tied,

presumably, to the one currency it was

supposed not to be, the mark. In other words,

the new ecu must either be inflationary, in

which case the Germans will not want to know

about it, or non-inflationary, in which case

The whole business is an exercise in

Europolitics, and none the worse for that. Mr

Major and the foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, have clearly decided to play directly to

the current anti-British hysteria in European

circles. They have, significantly, presumed

British membership of the European exchange

rate mechanism (Delors "one"), and they hardly even bother to mention it. Britain is

likely to join before the year is out. But they

have given not an inch to the more complex

institutional structures that M Delors would

why not go for the mark?

yet not German, an astonishing creation.

one as well. He knows that Europe is passing through a delicate period, one in which the precise future of its neighbourhood superpower, Germany, remains uncertain. Mr Major is to be congratulated on a very modest coup. Who knows what may turn up? Who knows who may have moved on before anybody takes these ideas seriously? When it comes to Europe, Britain is right to travel

under its patron saint, Mr Micawber.

# PRISONERS OF HABIT

by ending the prison service's excessive Both the police and the prison service insist on operating in ways which reflect the attitudes of reliance on overtime working. But the Home the 1970s, rather than those suitable for the Office's goals appear mutually incompatible: if it achieves the 25 per cent saving, it cannot 1990s. The police, the Audit Commission says meet its staffing promises. If it honours the in a report published yesterday, have exploited latter it cannot please the Treasury. The only way out of this predicament would be a Home Office supervision by using it as a cover for bad line management. Every station substantial reduction in the total prison sergeant knows how to gum up the system by sticking to the letter and boosting the great god population, which for all its efforts in this direction, the government has yet to achieve. of a policeman's life, overtime.

The union's decision in favour of industrial action is wrong in every sense. To argue about manning levels is to beg the question of what kind of prison system is needed. On this there is as yet no real unanimity. Most people, including the government, pay at least lipservice to the idea that prison should seek to reform as well as merely to contain criminals. If that effort to rehabilitate is to be at the heart

of prison policy, its implications must be faced. Lord Justice Woolf, in his enquiry into this year's riots, is determined to probe the underlying causes of prison unrest. He should not stop when he gets to the second layer. He should keep peeling until he uncovers bone, however much Treasury ministers might wince Privatisation, ministers have discovered from a feasibility study, may improve security and conditions in some prisons, but at considerable expense. If a contractor is given the chance to run a remand centre in a pilot project, the specification will have to be for single-cell occupancy. Sophisticated locking devices and surveillance may offset part of the cost, but ministers would be foolish to regard the private sector as offering the pass-key to

prison peace as well as frugality. The outcome must be a compromise, with a drastic cut in the prison population as the keystone of a new deal. The suspicion must be that many prison officers are happy to see numbers rising, providing it means more money spent on prisons and on their pay. That is not the public's interest. There must be continued pressure, unencumbered by the emotion of prison officer militancy, to rid Britain of its dreadful prisons.

## line. Cardwell never dreamt of total war. As men died by thousands in the trenches,

recruiting could hardly keep up. The ministry partially overcame these problems when it reorganised the infantry in the 1960s. First, it merged a number of units into large regiments (with three battalions each) to help promote economy of scale. Then it grouped them into administrative divisions, to share training, recruiting and other services to improve operational flexibility.

This reorganisation was never finished. Some regiments fought to keep their identity. While there are now five large regiments with three battalions (and four more with two each), the others, including two foot guards regiments, have only one battalion apiece. These must now be amalgamated. Nor can the cavalry and Royal Tank Regiment be immune. Ministers should also consider merging some of the army's technical and supporting corps, on which a start was made earlier this year.

Such reforms would still fall short of what the avant-garde are demanding: the end of the regimental system to be replaced by a corps of infantry and integrated support. The completion of the 1960s reforms would merely constitute a pathetically overdue compromise. The defence secretary, Tom King, has a chance to be a second Cardwell. But the army traditionalists should see his moderate reorganisation as its least worst way forward. Venerable regiments may hold a special place in public affection. Some may even have their value as recruitment and even training freemasonries. But the government cannot afford to be too squeamish in forging the highly-skilled fighting force required by modern defence needs.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Troubled scene in Romania

From Dr Dennis Deletant

Sir, Word has reached me from student representatives of the Faculty of Architecture in Bucharest that a number of their colleagues have been placed under arrest after being cruelly beaten by miners. Among their number are Miss Teodora Marin, Miss Andrea Morarescu and Mr Dinu Marin. The President of the Students' Association "December 16-21", Mr Marian Munteanu, has suf-fered a similar fate.

The arrested students' only "crime" is to have peacefully demonstrated against the threat of a return to totalitarian rule in

If these students are not to suffer the fate of those who dared to protest under Ceausescu, and if freedom of expression is not to disappear once more in Romania, the firmest protest must be delivered by the international community to the Romanian govern-ment. Unfortunately today's news that European Community ambassadors are attending President Iliescu's inauguration, although the US ambassador is not, suggest that that may not happen.

Yours faithfully, DENNIS DELETANT, University of London. School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1. June 20.

From Mr Lionel Bloch Sir, In your leader (June 15) on the tragedy of Romania you underlined the fact that Mr Ion Ratio. the leader of the National Peasants' Party, had warned the West not to trust President Iliescu.

I suggest that the shameless violence with which the neocommunist regime in Bucharest put down the peaceful protests of its opponents is a direct consequence of the West's unwillingness to heed these warnings.

Mr lliescu is a close friend of Mr Gorbachev and the fact that the Soviet regime killed recently a number of protesters in Armenia and elsewhere without being re-buffed by the leaders of the civilised world has not been lost on the Romanian National Salvation Front.

Your criticism of the credulous British politicians who gushed about last month's fraudulent elections in Romania is timely. It may be worth remembering that, as in Germany in 1933, not every regime that somehow manages to get a majority at the polls is necessarily democratic.

ours faithful LIONEL BLOCH. 9 Wimpole Street, W1. June 15.

### Obscene calls case From Mr J. R. Benton

Sir, A Times report (later editions, June 18) erroneously refers to a man accused of making obscene telephone calls escaping prosecution because of a Crown Prosecution Service and court error.

The defendant was committed for trial, pleaded guilty and was sentenced for the most serious offence revealed by the criminal inquiry. By an excess of zeal he was at the same time as the committal for trial on the most serious charge, erroneously committed for plea in respect of three lesser charges. There was no power to deal with these lesser charges at the crown court. Ordinarily, they would have been adjourned at the magistrates' court pending the outcome of the crown court case. Once that outcome was known, a decision would have been made on whether the public interest required their continuance or discontinuance.

The situation that has now arisen is exactly the same - it is open to the prosecution to ask the magistrates' court to relist the outstanding alleged offences and this the prosecution have decided not to do because the public interest would not be served by their continuation given the substantial sentence imposed by the crown court judge for the most serious offence.

Yours faithfully, J. R. BENTON (Acting Chief Crown Prosecutor, Thames Valley), Crown Prosecution Service, Berkshire Branch Office, Liverpool Victoria House,

Reading, Berkshire, June 18.

Changes on abortion From Lord Robertson of Oakridge Sir, Lord Brightman, writing (June 19) on the proposed changes to the law on abortion now going through Parliament, states that, if the diagnosis is "risk to the life of

first". In fact, the existing laws (the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act, the 1967 Abortion Act and the 1929 Infant Life Preservation Act) have the net effect of preventing any abortion after 28 weeks other than, in the words of the

Infant Life Preservation Act, "to preserve the life of the mother". This is a much more restrictive requirement than that proposed in the new legislation where the risk to the mother's life is not quantified and therefore the provision can be interpreted in a multitude

# Out of step with Mr Smith on rates

From Mr John Charman

Sir, Your leading article, "Sensible Mr Smith" (June 15), which reviews the Labour Party's plans for financing local government, supports Mr Smith's view that rental values are to be preferred to capital values as a basis for rates, but nowhere do you or Mr Smith state from where the evidence of rental values is to be derived. Since rent control was in-

troduced between the wars, the market for rented housing has progressively diminished until it has reached the present situation where it is virtually non-existent. apart from the market in luxury properties and some flats. That is why the Layfield committee recommended that capital values be used, a recommendation that has subsequently been supported by the great majority of informed

Elsewhere in the article you advise Labour to retain some features of the poll tax, including the principle of some charge being levied on every household. It has always seemed to me that poll tax would be a much better tax if it were part only of the system by which the domestic sector paid its share of the cost of local government, rather than the current situation whereby it bears the whole of the cost of that share.

If every property were to pay a "standing charge" based on its capital value, with a uniform poundage linked to inflation (just as happens currently with nondomestic property), and then, in addition, a "consumption charge", initially pitched at a very low level, but subsequently fixed entirely at the local authority's discretion, was payable by every person whose name appeared on the electoral roll, then we really

If a local authority wanted to increase its spending at a greater rate than inflation, then the whole of the additional burden would fall on the voters, who could register their support for, or opposition to, the council's high-spending policies through the ballot box.

would have accountability.

In addition to being fairer than the present system it would be much simpler to operate; rebates would be applied to the property tax element only, so that the regulations governing the poll tax element could be extremely sim-ple. It would then have most of the attributes of a good tax - easily understood, cheap to collect, difficult to evade (except, with the poll tax element, by becoming dis-

### From Mr Clive Johnston and others

Sir, In the light of the current government policies for care in the community we write to express our grave concern at some of the consequences of cuts in central

shortfall in the numbers of people available to give the essential support to frail and disabled one way of ensuring a supply of recruits and of maintaining standards.

Yet we are already getting evidence that this crucial training is being cut. In East Anglia a training agency specialised in providing approved training for both younger and older people going into caring jobs, many of whom have previously been unemployed, has been forced to cut

Canterbury stakes

From Bishop Maurice Wood Sir, Mr Chainey's whimsical letter (June 14), suggesting that the best archbishops had six-letter names, has unwitting support from Michael Ramsey himself. Anselm (1093) was an archbishop "whom Ramsey always regarded as the biggest mind and best archbishop among his predecessors". (Owen Chadwick, Michael Ramsey: A

As a retired diocesan bishop,

and therefore far removed from

close ecclesiastical politics. I happened to wake up this morning, saying to myself, on behalf of the six-letter Bishop of St Alban's, "Is there a change in the Canterbury climate? If I'm not a horse, am I a primate?" Yours enquiringly, †MAURICE WOOD, St Mark's House, Englefield, Reading, Berkshire. June 14.

of different ways. It would therefore not be correct to imply that this particular provision makes no change in the Yours faithfully, ROBERTSON of OAKRIDGE,

House of Lords. the pregnant woman", the law is, June 19. and has been, since long before the Abortion Act 1967, that "abortion From Mr Michael Spencer. QC up to birth" is permissible, adding: Sir. According to Lord Brightman, The life of the mother must come the select committee of the House of Lords which he chaired con-

cluded that:

If ... an unborn child were diagnosed as grossly abnormal and unable to lead any meaningful life (my emphasis), there is in the opinion of the Committee no logic in proving the Committee no logic. in requiring the mother to carry her unborn child to full term merely because the diagnosis was too late to enable an operation for abortion to be carried out before the 28th

completed week. Lord Brightman states that the law permits a termination only if there is "substantial risk" that the child if born would suffer from

franchised), and fair in operation. Yours faithfully, JOHN CHARMAN,

23 Millbank Court, John Islip Street, SW1. June 15.

From Mr I. W. Brown Sir, Your leader, "Sensible Mr Smith", should have been headed "Clever Mr Smith".

The anti-poll-tax outcry in Scotland came from a mixed bag of dissenters. Some who objected to it for altruistic reasons are moderating their protests when they discover that they may improve their homes without the district valuer's constant attentions. Others, particularly heads of families, welcome the relief from subsidising their progeny at home, who very often were better able to pay something than their parents.

Then there are the can-pay-butwon't-pay brigade, who are trying ze the maximum mileage from this issue in order to further their political aims. People are indeed beginning to ask questions about the spending records of

certain councils.
"Clever Mr Smith" senses, before his colleagues, that the community charge must be killed off before its benefits filter through to the electorate; and time spent on looking for sensible improve-ments might allow people to become used to the charge. I am sure Mr Smith realises that the jury are beginning to think for themselves and that he is in danger of losing his case. So back to the rates we go before any more damage is done.

The community charge is far from perfect, but for your paper to suggest a return to the rating system shows a poverty of ideas which is alarming in its pessimism.

Yours faithfully IAN W. BROWN. Beechwood, Elie, Fife.

From Lieutenant-Colonel I. G. Mathews (retd)

Sir, Your leading article, "Sensible Mr Smith", depends entirely upon one sentence — "The only sensible basis for truly local revenue is one based on a fixed, truly local asset,

namely property".

Replace that sentence by "the only fair basis for local revenue is one based on contributions from all local people" and you would draw quite different conclusions. Yours sincerely, I. G. MATHEWS, Folly Cottage,

most of its training programmes

and is in serious danger of closing.

tion of training means that train-

ing agency funds are now admin-

istered by the training and

enterprise councils (TECs) being

set up in each area. Whether the

cuts this particular agency is

suffering are the result of the

businessmen in charge of the new

TEC in East Anglia holding dif-ferent priorities for funding or

whether as a result of the huge

reduction in government funding

for training generally, the issue

raises questions about the quality and viability of the crucial services

to make community care work in

CLIVE JOHNSTON (Secretary), LUCIANNESAWYER (Chairman)

TESSA NEWBY (Treasurer).

United Kingdom Home Care

practice.

Yours faithfully,

Association. 206 Worple Road

The Government's private

Little Birch, Hereford.

Community care

funding for training.

Due to demographic changes there is destined to be a vast people living in their own homes. Proper training programmes are

Wimbledon, SW20. Sponsoring law chairs

From Professor Paul Dobson Sir, In her article about sponsorship of professorial law posts by firms of solicitors (June 12), Susan Bright refers to "subtle risks" and "implications for academic free-

Having recently been appointed to one of these posts, at Ealing College, I can say that my freedom to choose the direction of my own scholarly activity remains entirely unfettered.

Indeed, far from perceiving any risk to academic freedom, I see only mutual benefits from a longoverdue improvement in links between the legal profession and the academic departments which educate the future members of that profession.

Yours faithfully, PAUL DOBSÓN, Ealing College, St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5. June 14.

such abnormalities as to be "seriously handicapped" and the clause as it stands would abolish the existing (so-called) 28-week rule.

Nowhere in this proposed extension of the law is abortion confined to a grossly abnormal foetus "unable to lead any meaningful life". As the law is currently interpreted a foctus diagnosed as Down's syndrome or spina bifida qualifies for termination. Many children born with these handicaps lead wholly meaningful lives. There is every logic in not permitting any extension of the law which will allow such lives to be terminated up to birth at a time when the clear sentiment of both the House of Commons, and I suggest, the public as a whole, was that such terminations should be made subject to a lower time limit.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL SPENCER. One Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

## Homes seen in a wider context

From Mr Julian Heddy Sir. Although I welcome the housing minister's plans to extend the programme of hostel accommodation for single homeless (report, June 18), such a programme can only treat the symp-

living at home towards independence. Having recently completed a study among EC countries of policies and programmes aimed at providing an integrated package of assistance to young people aged 16 to 25, moving towards independence, I have been struck by the comparatively niggardly and piecemeal government approach in the UK.

toms of government neglect of

young people's aspirations to make a dignified transition from

The de facto policy seems to be that young people encountering difficulties should not have left home and have only themselves to blame. Contrast this with the official approaches in France and Germany which recognise the universal phenomenon of leaving home in terms of providing, under one roof, a range of services linked with accommodation - skills training, job counselling, health education, leisure and sports activities and advice on more permanent housing. In France alone over 100,000 bed places a year are provided and nearly 10 times that number are able to avail themselves of the services offered.

Unless and until a holistic approach is taken by government policy-makers to tackling years of neglect of people's aspirations to train, obtain employment, and live in decent accommodation, no amount of ad hoc hostel provision will meet the complex problems which face large numbers of institutionally disadvantaged young people now and in the future.

Yours faithfully JULIAN HEDDY. I Bexhill Road, SW14. June 19.

From Mr Patrick Cornwell Sir, Homeless people need permanent accommodation and a sufficient income to be able to keep it. They do not need to be rounded up by the police under the Vagrancy Act and herded into church halls and disused hospital

The Women's National Commission argued (report, June 13) that young people under 25 must get the adult rate of social security benefit if they are to stand a chance of surviving in independent accommodation. Many young people cannot afford to stay ergency hostels, some which now refuse to accept under-25s, whom they see as a financial

risk. The vast majority of organisations providing hostels for homeless people have no problem filling their bedspaces. Their overriding concern is the need for more permanent accommodation. This was well documented by Shill (Single Homeless in London) in 1989. This cross-party report estimated a need for 8,000 units of permanent accommodation for

hostel residents. Without anywhere to move people to, hostels silt up. Staff are faced with the agonising decision of evicting young people back on to the streets or allowing them to stay and continuing to turn others

Yours sincerely, PATRICK CORNWELL (Chairman, Executive Committee), CHAR (the Housing Campaign for Single People), 5-15 Cromer Street, WC1. June 18.

### Age discrimination From Mr William Frankel

Sir, The correspondence you publish today (June 18) on age discrimination prompts me to recount my own experience. I had, for a decade, held two part-time legal appointments as chairman of mental health and social security appeal tribunals. Last year, I reached the mandatory retirement age and my services ended with a polite letter of thanks from the Lord Chancellor (his predecessor, by the way, continued in office for many years after the retirement age he imposed on others).

It appears to me a pity that I and others in the same situation should arbitrarily be denied the opportunity of continuing our work. The accumulated experience should, on the contrary, be recognised as an enhancement of our value. I believe that in the United States age discrimination is on a par with sex and racial discrimination.

Yours etc. WILLIAM FRANKEL 30 Montagu Square, W1. June 18.

## **Exposed position?**

From Mr Francis Wilford-Smith Sir. I was a little concerned to read (The Times, June 13) that the new Bishop of Hereford, the Venerable John Oliver, is a "motor cycle enthusiast", as he describes himself (Ledbury Reporter, June 15) as being a "middle of the road churchman". Yours faithfully.

FRANCIS WILFORD-SMITH, Bentleys Farm, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

June 15. Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

(071) 782 5046.

JOHN JENNINGS

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## **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 21: The Queen, with The
Duke of Edinburgh, honoured
Ascot Races with her presence
today.
The Right Hon Sir William
Heseltine was received in audi-

ence by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 21: The Duke of York, Patron, and The Duchess of York this evening attended the Whitbread Round the World Race Prizegiving at the Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1. Mrs John Spooner and Cap-tain Neil Blair, RN were in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 21: This morning The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief. St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, visited the St John Ambulance Headquarters, I Grosvenor Crescent,

Afterwards Her Royal High-ness, Patron, International Lit-eracy Year 1990, opened the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit Annual Conference at

### Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the production by Middlesex Polytechnic of The Man of La Mancha at the Simmonds The-Mancha at the Simmonds The atrea at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent will attend a 76; Mr Maurice Warren, chief dinner for the award winners of executive, Dalgety, 57. the Praemium Imperiale at

Hampton Court at 7.20. The Duchess of Kent will open Philips Medical Systems' new building in Crawley at 11.15; and, as patron, will visit St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley,

Princess Alexandra will visit the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, at 3.00 for the opening of the refurbished buildings.

Prince William of Wales is eight

## Birthdays today

Mr J.C. Bamford, founder J.C. Bamford Excavators, 74; Miss Benazir Bhutto, President of Pakistan, 37; Brigadier Helen Cattanach, former director, Korsakov, composer Lyubensk, Army Nursing Service, Russia, 1908; Edmund Vuillard, painter, La Paule, France, 1940; Davies, philologist, 53; Mr John Ahmed Sukarno, president of Edrich, cricketer, 53; Mr Wally Fawkes, cartoonist, 66; Major-General R.F.K. Goldsmith, 83; Viscount Gort, 74; Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, 60; Professor Patricia Lindop, radiobiologist, 60; Sir Michael Marshall, MP,

Somerset, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the commissioning of HMS Heron and opened the new VSTOL Exhibition at the Fleet Air Arm Mrs Peter Afia was in diplomat, 61; Sir Edwin Nixon, deputy chairman, National Westminster Bank, 65; Mr Malwestminster bank, 05; Mr Mar-colm Rifkind, QC, MP, 44; Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, 63; Miss Jane Russell, actress, 69; Mr Maurice Saatchi, chairman, Saatchi and

Glaziers' Hall, London. In the afternoon The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University

of London, opened the
Wellcome Clinical investigation
Unit and the new residence for
'on call' students at King's
College Hospital School of

Medicine and Dentistry, Besse-mer Road, London. Her Royal Highness was at-tended by Mrs Malcolm Innes. KENSINGTON PALACE

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June 21: The Prince of Wales
received HRH Crown Prince
Dipendra Bir Bikran Shah Dev
of Nepal and His Excellency
Major General Bharat Kesher
Simba (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from
Nepal) at Windsor Castle.
His Royal Highness received
HRH Crown Prince Sidi
Mohammed of Morocco.
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June 21: Princess Alexandra today visited RNAS Yeovilton

## **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: William poet, Edinburgh, 1818; Pier Luigi Nervi, engineer and archi-tect (Unesco building, Paris), Sondrino, Italy, 1891; Jean-Paul Sartre, Exis 1905.

1905.
DEATHS: Edward III, reigned
1327-77, Sheen, Surrey, 1377;
Niccolo Machiavelli, statesman
and writer, Florence, 1527; John
Skelton, poet, London, 1529;
Henry Hudson, navigator, cast
adrift in the bay bearing his
name, 1616; Inigo Jones, architect, London, 1652; Mary Ann
Clarke, adventuress, Boulogne,
1852; Friedrich Froebel, educational reformer, Marienthal,
Kansas 1852; Nikolay RimskyKorsakov, composer Lyubensk Ahmed Sukarno, president of Indonesia 1949-67, Djakarta,

1970. The Black Hole of Calcutta, 1756. The Constitution of the United States came into force 1788. The Irish rebellion ended with the defeat of the rebels by Lord Lake, 1798. The German 60; Mr Peter Marshall, former Lord Lake, 1798. The German Commissioner, City of London fleet was scuttled at Scapa Flow, Police, 60; Sir John Morgan, 1919.

## **Dinners**

HM Government Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of HM Government
Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of
State for Energy, was host at a
dinner given by Her Majesty's
Government last night at LanColonel DJ.R. Cook and Major caster House in honour of Dr Hans Blix, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. The

guests included:
Professor John Ashworth. Mr Geoffrey Chipperfield. Mr Gerald Clark.
Mr John Collier, Dr Brian Eyre. Dr David Fisk. Dr John Gittis. Mr John Chippers. Mr John Chips. Mr John Chippes. Dr Tunothy Walker and Mr Kelft Loader. Scientific Instrument Makers'

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, at-tended the annual dinner of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Gordon Hall, Master, and Mrs Hall, Mr John Herrin, Senior Warden, and Mrs Herrin and Mr Carl Brinker, Junior Warden, and Mrs den Brinker received the guests. The Lord Mayor, the Master, Mr A.F.P. Barnes, City Remembrancer, and the Senior Warden were the speakers.

College of Anaesthetists A Council Dinner was held last night. The President and Mrs Rosen received the guests who included Sir Paul Girolami, Mr R.R. Hillhouse, Mr T. English, Dr A.K. Adams, Dr R.J. Kitz, Mr D. Seel, Dr S. Shnider, Dr M.M. Burrows and Dr W.D.

## Service dinners

Ist Panjab Regiment E.H.W. Major-General E.H.W. Grimshaw presided at the an-

J.S. Hewitt.

### mson's Battery, The Gibraltar Reg

The Master Gunner General Sir Martin Farndale, KCB, was the principal guest at a dinner held last night at the Officers' Mess, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, to mark the final shoot by Thomson's Battery in the UK. The Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel D.L. Collado, OBE, presided. Past and present members of the Battery and the Regiment at-tended. Guests included:

General Sir William Jackson, CRE, KCB, MC, Admiral Sir David Wil-liams, GCB, Brigadier D I. Lewis, CRE, ADC, Brigadier M T Teanant, Briga-dier A J McD, Clark, Lieutanami-Calonel E A Guerrero, OBE, Major C A Armstrong, ED.

## Luncheons

New Cavendish Club

Mrs Owen Walker, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Cavendish Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at 44 Great Cumberland Place to mark the 70th anniversary of the club, formerly the VAD Ladies' Club.

Lunchtime Comment Clab Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, was the guest speaker at a huncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr Martin Barber, chairman, presided.

Dr Ivan Joseph Freedm London SW3, left his estate, valued at £971,156 net, equally

Ford of Britain 1962-65, having

started as a £2 a week time-keeper after hitch-hiking from

Manchester during the depression, left estate valued at £482,753 net.

Dorothea Allen, of Sutton under

Brailes, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £1,584,133 net.

Mr Frederick Roberts Gerard

of South Croxton, Leics, Bob

Gerard, the former racing driver, left estate valued at

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr Alan Brian Schogger, of London NW8 .....£641,651.

Mr George Edward Hungerford

Seabrooke, of Newtown, New-port, Isle of Wight ..... £901,644.

Mrs Beryl Durrant, of Cambridge ......£597,105.

## Latest wills

ren, retd, of Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, left estate valued at The Most Hon Lawrence Aldred Mervyn Dundas, 3rd Marquess of Zetland, of Richmond, North £1,163,073 net. Yorkshire, for many years chair-man of Catterick Bridge and Redcar racecourses, elected to the Jockey Club in 1962, left between the Imperial Cancer
Research Fund and Greater
London Fund for the Blind.
Mr James Allen Barke, of
Ingatestone, Essex, managing
director and chief executive of
Ford of Britain 1962-65 beviese estate valued at £27,314,417 net, mainly to his wife and son.

Miss Agnes Muriel Barrow Musson, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, left estate valued at £651.899 net. She left £97,000 and effects to personal legatees, and the remainder to charity.

Mr Eric Cater Smith, of Houghton, Norfolk, left estate valued at £148.146 net to the Guide Dogs for the Blind

Association.
Canon Greville Vaughau
Turner-Cooke, of Bishops
Caundle, Dorset, Canon Emertus Non-Residentiary of Peter-borough Cathedral, left estate valued at £429,606 net. Mr Edward Bertram Alexander Rose, of Westergate, Chichester. West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,072,214 net.

Professor David Gordon Tucker, of Barnt Green, Worcs, who held the chair and headship of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Birmingham University 1955-73, left estate valued at £100,489 net. Myrtle Eveline Philbrick, of Carnon Downs, Cornwall, left

estate valued at £319,155 net. She left £5,000 to Mrs R M Blake, of Carnon Downs, £10,000 to the National Trust, for use in Cornwall, and the residue to the Royal Institution of Cornwall. Brigadier Derek Edward War-

Mrs Elizabeth Mary Elvey, of Chalfont St Giles, Bucking-hamshire.......£634,832. Mrs Phyllis May Keniston, of

bridge .....

Ferndown, Dorset ..... £528,064. Mr John Spink, of Bridlington, North Humberside.... £587,015. Mr Cyril Alfred Jolliffe, of Farlington, Portsmouth, Hamp-shire £968.327.

## **OBITUARIES**

John Charles Jennings. Conservative MP for Burton-on-Trent from 1955 to 1974, died on June 17 aged 87. He was born on February 10, 1903.

ONCE styled "the plain man's pocket battleship", for the stalwart manner in which he fought any cause he espoused, John Jennings was a popular backbencher in the House of Commons for nearly 20 years. With his stocky, compact figure and personality, he was very much the British bulldog, cheerful, generous and with the human touch. He was staunchly anti-Common Market and, though not in a general sense a right-winger, sympathised with Mr Enoch Powell's views on immigration. He came to the Commons with a background in teaching, and once there he served education well.

Educated at Bede College, Durham, and King's College. University of Durham, he was a primary school headmaster before being elected to Par-liament. He had contested South East Derbyshire in 1950 and 1951 before succeeding at Burton-on-Trent in the general election of 1955. He was one of the few Tory MPs to be sponsored by a trade union, the National Union of Teach-

John Jennings soon proved himself a good House of Commons man, and was active in committees, notably the Conservative education committee, where he made a to see grounds for com- Eccles. His advice to the fession in the strongest terms negotiations between the pro- occasion. Not long after com- son also predeceased him.

Deryk Weyer, CBE, formerly a

group deputy chairman of Barclays Bank and executive

deputy chairman of British Telecom from 1983 to 1986.

died aged 65 on June 16. He

was born on January 21, 1925.

DERYK Vander Weyer was

an achiever and by his own

admission always ambitious.

His entry into Barclays Bank

at the age of 16 was without

the benefit of a university

education or banking tra-

dition in the family. He was a

Yorkshireman of Flemish an-

cestry and was educated at Bridlington School. Soon after

joining the bank his career was

interrupted by war service

with the Green Howards in

end to that hope and he

rejoined Barclays in 1947. Within three years he became

the youngest branch manager

on appointment to Chester,

and in a series of unward

moves he rose to the highest

By 1965 he was local direc-

tor in Liverpool and by 1969

India and Burma. He was a major at only 21. Weyer appointed a general manager,

contemplated staying on as a setting up the first UK clearing

regular soldier but the run- bank marketing department.

down of the services put an In 1973 he became senior

DERYK WEYER

of England in 1986 and he

supervision, having pre-viously been a member of the

committee which considered

the system of banking super-

vision. He was also a member

of the Royal Commission on

Distribution of Income and

Weyer in 1981 became a

part-time board member of

Mitel Corporation Inc, a Ca-

nadian subsidiary of British

Telecom. He was also chair-

man of the board of Compan-

His demeanour gave little

indication of these distinc-

tion of British Industry.

Wealth from 1977 to 1979.

bank's board of banking colleagues.

- a thing not necessarily to be fession, represented by the depended on from a teacher NUT general secretary Sirturned politician. His firm-Ronald Gould, and the eduness, coupled with an ability cation minister Sir David Lloyd.

ing to the Commons he had dared to go into the opposition lobby on the question of teachers's superannuation, voting against a bill which proposed to raise their contributions by one per cent.

It was not his last rebellion in the Commons. He was a pugnacious opponent of British entry into the European Economic Community, and during the negotiations to join which were conducted by Mr Edward Heath's government, made no secret of his voting with the opposition, even when it put the Conservative majority in the House of Commons in jeopardy. But he was liked for his honesty, which was never more refeshingly demonstrated than when he recommended winding up the 140-year-old Commons petitions committee, of which he was chairman, on the grounds that its existence was a "meaningless charade" which deceived the public.

A senior member of the Commons chairmen's panel. Jennings was, in 1971, floated as a possible candidate to oppose Selwyn Lloyd as Speaker of the House, by MPs who resented the fact that backbenchers had been so little consulted about the post, In the event, satisfied that the mere possibility of his candidature had made it clear to the party hierarchy that it had ridden roughshod over backbench feeling, he decided not to embarrass Selwyn

He retired in 1974 to devote name for himself for always promise, was particularly to minister was directly responmore time to his home life, putting the case for his prothe fore in 1961 in difficult sible for a settlement on that His wife died in 1979 and a

intensely methodical and

was unfailingly courteous and

At the same time he did not

allow his work to be all-

absorbing. His love of music,

literature and the arts was

informed and genuine. He served on the board of the

English National Opera. He

had the benefit of a happy

family life. Weyer was a

talented painter and after he

including the Princess Alice

Hospice at Esher, benefitted

from sales of his work. He

shared with his wife an active

activities and ended his career

but he remained an alert and

interested conversationalist.

executive officers' committee authority was never in doubt

of the Committee of London and in all his activities he was

Clearing Bankers and presi-dent of the Institute of Bank-conscientious. He had a reput-

ers from 1979 to 1981. His ation for being totally honest

final appointment in banking which is not always an

was as a director of the Bank attribute of men at the top. He

served as a member of the attentive to his friends and

the British Telecom Corpora- and his wife, Marguerite, went

tion and was appointed exec- to live at Chipstead in 1985 he

utive deputy chairman, was a familiar figure painting

British Telecom, 1983-86. In local scenes. His output was

1986 he became chairman of considerable and charities,

ions of the British Institute of interest in the Chipstead Fine

Management and a member of Arts Society. Latterly illness

the council of the Confedera- and disability restricted his

# ERNA BERGER

Erna Berger, the German lyric and coloratura soprano whose career spanned the pre- and postwar years, died aged 89 on June 14. She was born outside Dresden on October 19, 1900.

IN HER day Erna Berger was one of the most sought-after and appealing artists, admired for the charm of both her person and her voice. Her career began when she was only 24 and continued until she was 67. Almost to the time of her retirement her tone retained its pristine freshness. She was most in demand as Constanze, Queen of Night (which she recorded on Beecham's famous version of Die Zauberflöte). Oscar and Sophie. In all these roles her precise, pure singing was heard to advantage. Later she became a renowned interpreter of lieder. Erna Berger was the daugh-

ter of a railway engineer and grew up both in South America and in Dresden. After high school she took a job in a local bank and as a governess to finance her musical studies. Through the influence of her singing teacher she was en-gaged by the Dresden State Opera and it was there she made her debut, as the First Boy in Die Zauberflöte in June 1925, with Fritz Busch conducting. She appeared in two Richard Strauss premieres in Dresden, end of her operatic career in schwedische Nachtigall,

From 1929 to 1933 she appeared as the Woodbird



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1932, her last as Zerlina in 1954, preserved on a film of Don Giovanni.

She first appeared at Covent Garden as Marcelline (Fidelio) in 1934, then was Woglinde (Walkure) and Woodbird in 1935, and Constanze, Queen of Night and Sophie in 1938. She returned after the war as Queen of Night and Gilda. She first appeared at the Metropolitan in New York as Sophie in 1949. In 1960 she became a professor at the Hamburg Music Academy and also taught privately. Among her most notable pupils was Rita Streich.

She recorded over 25 years from 1930 for many com-panies, most delightfully as aegyptische Helena (1928) and Aennchen, Gilda, Gretel and Daphne (1938). In 1934 she Sophie. During the war she joined the Berlin State Opera made a foray into film, playwhere she remained until the ing the title role in Die biopic of Jenny Lind. In the field of lieder she left many worthwhile recordings of (Siegfried) at the Bayreuth Schubert and a complete set, estival. Her first Salzburg with Hermann Prey, of the Festival appearance was as Italian Song Book of Hugo Blonde (Die Entführung) in Wolf.

## RONALD ILLINGWORTH

From 1974 to 1976 Weyer tions. He was a quiet man with He is survived by his was chairman of the chief an impish humour but his and a son and daughter. He is survived by his wife

Ronald Illingworth, an in-fluential paediatrician sometimes referred to as "the English Špock", has died aged 80. He was born on October 7,

MANY of the current readers of newspapers with families will have been influenced by Ronald Illingworth's The Normal Child. The titles of his other books indicate the wide field of his influence. Babies and Young Children, first published in 1954, Development of the Infant and Young Child (1960), The Nor-mal Schoolchild (1964), Common Symptoms of Disease in Children (1967), The Child at School (1974) and Your Child Development (1981), Most of lated into many languages, several of them into Japanese.

promising young men who were appointed to the newlycreated university depart-ments of child health in this country after the last war. A graduate of Leeds, he partfinanced his studies by freelance photography; he later became a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. While a Rockerfeller re-

search fellow in the USA,

Illingworth came under the influence of Arnold Gesell, who was devising a new scientific approach to child development. Illingworth was appointed as the first professor of child health at Sheffield he combined his interest in child development with the prac-

tical approach to childcare that was being undertaken in Newcastle by James Spence and Donald Court. He also found a wife in Newcastle, a paediatrician who collaborated with him in several of his books and created a very close happy family with children who became an essential part of his writing.

Inspite of the comparison with Spock, Illingworth was the books have been trans- quite a different character. He was a very shy man who had a few close friends with whom

Those who saw Illingworth as a medical journalist were mistaken. He ran an efficient department. He chose staff well, assisting them in developing their own ideas rather than imposing his own. In retirement from 1975 he continued writing articles and new books and recently com-

pleted revision for the 10th edition of The Normal Child.

# Forthcoming marriages

general manager and steered Barclays though the secondary

banking crisis. Between 1977

and 1980 he was chairman of

Barclays Merchant Bank Ltd

and group vice-chairman, fi-

nance and planning, Barclays

Mr M. Adams and Miss K. Cates

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs C. Adams, of Killiney, Co Dublin, and Kathleen, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Cates, of Bristol.

Mr M.W. Adams and Dr J.N. Hodgson
The engagement is announced

between Matthew, son of Mr Peter Adams, of New House Farm, Westcott, near Aylesbury, and Mrs Jean Adams, of Kendal, Cumbria, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Hodgson, of Gerrards Cross. Mr M.M.C. Aspinall

and Miss A.K. Taylor The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of the late Mr Nicholas Aspinall and of Mrs Margaret Aspinali, of Didling, Midhurst, West Sussex, and Annette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Taylor, of Penwortham, Lancashire.

Mr G.M.J. Crowther and Dr M.H. Stewart The engagement is announced between George Crowther, of Tackley Place, Oxford, son of Mr and Mrs G.F.M. the late Mr and Mrs C.P.M., Crowther, of London, and Mary Heather, younger daughter of the late Mr David Stewart and of Mrs Helen Stewart, of Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

Mr J.C. Cullen and Miss C.L. Bonser The engagement is announced between John Charles, son of Mrs Pamela Bushell and step-son of Mr David Bushell, of Mallowhayes Close, ipswich, and Caroline Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bonser, of The Oval, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr J.L. Dunnett and Miss J.E.A. Imm The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between James, son of Mr Denzil Dunnett and the

late Mrs Ruth Dunnett, of Victoria Grove, London, W8, and Jane, only daughter of the

late Mr and Mrs Ronald Imm,

of ickenham, Middlesex. Mr J.J. Hopson The engagement is announced between Jonathan Joseph, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Hopson, of Hoe Benham, Berkshire, and Lucy Jean, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Heaton, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr W.N.C. Krarup and Miss J.A. Page The engagement is announced

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between William Nicholas Christian, younger son of Mr Michael Krarup, of Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, and Mrs Winty Thornton, of Galashiels, Selkirkshire and Jacqueline Anita, younger daughter of Mr Leon Page, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent, and Mrs Marlies Page, of Rothley, Leicestershire.

Mr H.R.P. Lloyd and Mrs R.P.G. Orde The engagement is announced

Herbert ('Bertie') Lloyd, of Trelech, Monmouth, and Antonia Orde, of Wyesham, Monmouth, widow of Roden

Mr N.M. Luckman and Miss J.M. Morton The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Bowles, of Hockley Place, Frating, Essex, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Morton, of Guildford,

er S.V. Mackay, RN and Miss S.L. Lowe The engagement is announced between Commander S.V. Mackay, Royal Navy, and Miss Susan Lowe, of Skegness, Lincolnshire.

und Miss J. Honnsell The engagement is announced between Clive, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Mann, of Bagshot, Surrey, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Hounsell, of Lyme Regis, Dorset.

caucit to be present-countries. President group, diocese Carberbury.

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diocese. The Very Rev John L Chatter, dean of Battle, diocese Chichester: to the united benefice of St Marylebone wholy Trinity St Marylebone in Greater London, diocese London, The Rev Philip C Clements, chaptain of Lancing College, diocese Chichester; to be vicar, Hooe, and rector, Nimited, same diocese.

Clergy appointments

and Miss L.M. Tregaskis The engagement is announce between Robert, Viscount Newry and Morne, eldest son of Mr Richard Needham, MP and Mrs Needham, of Westminster London, and Laura Mary, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Tregaskis, of Cosham Hampshire. Mr C.N. Pattinson

and Miss T.A. Thompson The wedding is announced between Charles, only son of Dr and Mrs John Pattinson, of Windermere, Cumbria, and Teddie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Douglas Thompson, of Field Broughton, Cumbria. Mr J.S. Reynolds and Miss E.J. Charley

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr J.B. Reynolds, of Edinburgh, and Mrs L.D. Reynolds, of Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, second daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Robin Charley, of Newtownards, Co Down.

Mr T.J. Sculthorpe-Pike and Miss M.H. Mander-Vest The forthcoming marriage is announced between Trevor Sculthorpe-Pike and Maxine Mander-Vest on June 22, 1990, at Chatham Registry Office, Kent

Mr C.J. Thomas and Miss F.F. Oakley The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tim Thomas, of River, Sussex, and Fleur, younger daughter of Mrs Margaret Oakley and the late Mr Pat Oakley, of Auckland, New Zesland

diocese. The Rev Hillary Glub, assistant curste, Moulaham St. John, diocese Chelms-ford: to be assistant chaplath, Reading lintuarity, and assistant curste.

Church announcements

# University news

Liverpool The university has made the

following professorial appointments: Peter Friedmann to be the first holder of the chair of Dermatology; Peter Goodhew to the Henry Bell Wortley Chair of Materials Engineering; David Hamilton to be the first holder of the second Chair of Edu-cation; Karen Luker to be the first holder of the William Rathbone VI Chair of Community Nursing: Robert Moore to the Eleanor Rathbone Chair of Sociology; Brian Moss to the Holbrook Gaskell Chair of Botany, Bernard Hon to the Chair of Manufacturing Systems, David Eisner to be the first holder of the Chair of Vet-erinary Biology.

Wales College of Medicine

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Dr D Joses, Department of Geriatric Medicinic £119,880 from Department of Health over a period of 24 years, Cardiny Fetal. Medicine Group: £140,000 grant award from Variety Chib of Great British and the Weish Office for the purchase of a high resolution thresound scanner to be

Six honorary degrees will be awarded in July as follows: MA, Mrs Elizabeth Brown, formerly manager of the Turner Sims Concert Hall and Staff Tutor in Music in the Department of Adult Education; D.Litt, Mr A Campbell-Johnson, author, public relations consultant, forpublic retations consultant, kn-merly assistant to Earl Mount-batten of Burma; D.Mus. Mr David May, Director of INMOS and collaborator in the depart-

be parish deacon, St. James, Don-caster, same diocese.
The Rev Paul G Harbord, assistant cursts, St. George's, Doncaster, di-come Sheringto, to be

curate. St. Veorgy: Doncaster, grocese Sheffield: to be curate to charge, the Conventional District of St Edmund. Doncaster, same diocese. The Rev Care Looker, assistant Curate, parishes of Preswood and Cores Hampton, diocese Colord also to 1949 Permission to officiale in the

ment of parallel processing with members of the Department of Electronics and Computer Sciformer Chairman of the University Development Trust and also of the Wessex Medical School Trust; DM, Dr David Tyrrell, Director, Common Cold Research Unit, Salisbury.

Professor John R Beaumont to be Professor and Head of the School of Management.

Mary Marshall has been ap-pointed Professor of Dementia Services Development with immediate effect. Onen University

Grants, awards and contracts

include:
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City of London

The following Honorary De-grees (CNAA) of DLitt will be conferred at Presentation Cere-monies at the Barbican later in the year: Lord King of Wartnaby, chairman of British

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The Rev Colin Randall. ass curses. Brampios. diocese Caria he parish priest. Hamborough Freeland, diocese Caford. The Rev Dr Geoffrey 3 Stra vicar. Shoreham, diocese Roch to be team rector, the Street pari diocese Vest.

Polytechnic News

Airways; Robin Leigh-Pember-ton, Governor of the Bank of England; Lady Limerick. Presi-dent of the British Red Cross.

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The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:
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Merchant Taylors' School. Northwood

The Governors of Merchant The Governors of Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, have appointed Mr J.R. Gabitass to succeed Mr D.J. Skipper as Head in 1991, Mr Gabitass has been at Abingdon School since 1973 and as Gablass has been at Authguon School since 1973, and as Second Master since 1979, hav-ing previously been Assistant Master at Clifton College.

Lord Pearson of

Malcolm Everard MacLaren Pearson, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Pearson of Rannoch, of Bridge of Gaur in the District of Perth and Kinross.

Meeting

Commonwealth Parliamentary cenciation. The Speaker presided at the annual meeting of the UK hranch of the Commonwealth

Parliamentary Association held yesterday at the House of Commons. Salters' Company The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company Master. Str Peter Hordern. MP: Upper Warden, Mr J.R.D. Scriven: Second Warden, the Ven F.V. Weston.

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BUTTERWORTH - On June 15th. to Nicola and Paul. a daughter. Jessica Helen. a sister for Thomas William.

CAPLESS - On June 16th. to Fiona and James. a son, Matthew William, a brother for Alexander. tor Alexander.

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FORBES - On June 16th. to
.lane (née Dumber-Nasmith) Jane (née Dunbar-Nasmith) and Andrew, a daughter, isobel Margaret, a sister for Anna and James. MAN • On June 13th, at GORMAN • On June 13th, at The Portiand Hospital. In Sonta (née Centrowicz) and Seymour. a beautiful daughter. Tara Anne.

HAY • On June 20th, to Virginia and Andrew, a daughter.

LINGELL • On June 18th, at Leicester General Hospital, to Jame (née Peskett) and Marik, a son, Harry Charles Francis, a brother for Laura and Victoria.

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DREW - On June 19th 1990.
suddenly, Derek, much tovoed
husband of Elizabeth, father
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Funeral on Wednesday June
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764664. LLOYD - On June 19th, to Mandy and David, a son, James Nicholas. LUCAS On May 3rd. to Caroline (née Mackinnon) and Francis, a third son. George Joseph. MARTIN - On June 12th 1990. FEAVER - On Saturday June 16th 1990. suddenly at home in Chipping Campden, Eleanor Elion (nee Guertiz), widow of the lare William Richards (Dick) Feaver, widow of the lare William Richards (Dick) Feaver, much loved mother of Richard and dear sister of Lucy and Edward. Funeral Service at St James' Church. Chipping Campden, at 2.30 on Wednesday June 27th. followed by Interment at St. Andrew's Church, Aston-sub-Edge. Family flowers only please, but donalions to St. James' Church Flower Fund will be much superclated c/o Allen and Son. High Street. Moreton-marsh. Gloucestershire.

FINGRICS - On June 17th. peacefully in hospital. John Chartes Jennings, aged 85 years. former M.P. for Burton-on-Trent.

LINES - On June 19th 1990. Mark Hendrey, very much loved husband of Sarah and wonderful father to Edward William and George. Futeral. Upper Chule Parish Church at 2.30 pm on Friday June 22nd. Flowers to Haicrow & Sons. 202 New Street. Andover. Hunts.

QLIVEER - On June 19th 1990. peacefully at home. Leutenant-Colonel John Darres Olivier RA Redni.) beloved husband of Peggs and moth loved father of Sarah-Jane. Funeral at St. Matthew's. Otterbourne. on Thursday June 28th at 2.30 pm. followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only, donations it destred to the Royal Artillery Chartable Fund. Artillery Chart

HARTIM - On June 12th 1990.

at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. to Margaret (née Cull) and Allistair. a daughter. Harriet Rose, a sister (or Jenny and Anna.

MOSMESHE - On June 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Emusob and Alex Mosheshe. a son, Denzil.

MEMARMER - On June 19th, at Rosie Maternity Hospital. Cambridge. to Karen (née Openshaw) and Tony, a son, Julian Anthony.

MCHOLSON - On June 16th, at Hommerton Hospital.

HICHOLSON - On June 16th. at Hommerton Hosbital. London, to Leah (nie Arther) & Guy, a daughter, Araminia Herndone Marshail. to be known as Minty.

PRYDE - On June 20th, at St Mary's Hospital. to Cherry (nie Thumus) and Jack. a daughter. Poppy. A granddaughter for Jilly. SMITH - On June 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Joanna and Peter, a daughter, Holly

TAYLOR - On June 11th 1990. at Ebsom District Hospital, to Anne and Peter, a son. Michael Robert. MICHIEL MODELL
THOUSTON - On June 20th, at
John Radeliffe, Oxford, to
Rosemary (née Farr) and
James, a daughter. Alice
Hermione, a sister for Emily
Rose.

Rose.
TROTTER - On June 7th. to Joenna and John, a daughter.
WAREHAW - On June 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Alison and Stephen. a sep. Frederick Michael, a brother for George.

for George. for George.

YOUNG - On June 13th, at
Pembury Hospital, to Polity
(née Antonopoulos) and
Charles, two sons. Jonathan
Charles Anthony and David
Edward John.

## MARRIAGES

FLETCHERLOYD - The wedding took place on Saturday Jone 16th in York-shire, between Mr Alexander Fleicher and Mrs June Loyd.

ATKRESON - On Friday June 15th 1990, Edmund, aged 31, in an accident in France. Family funeral. A meeting in his memory will be held on July 14th. Further information on this and of a Memorial Fund from the Jamily or from Phillips Funeral Service, St Albans, (0727) 51006.

BRITTAIN - On Friday June
15th. tragically in a car
accident, near his home in
Brithany. Nicholas, aged 47
years. Greatly loved by his
wife Caroline and sons
Robert. Andrew and
William, The funeral has
already taken place in
Malansac. A Memorial
Service will be arranged in
England at a later date.

JUNE 21

SONNEY - On June 14th 1990, 1 WORKER - On June 10th, at BONNEY - On June 14th 1990. suddenly in Berkeley. California. Dr. Auriol, for-metry of Southport & Girton College Cambridge. Daughter of the late Dr. & Mrs J.F.S. Ross, dear sister of Vivlan, aunt of James and beloved mother of Peter. Fereith. Vivian and Michael Bonney. WORKER - On June 10th, at Bedford, in her 94th year, windfred Worker, the faithful servant of the late Sir Metvill and Lady Ward and the devoted servant and friend of Lady Monortelle and the Broomhall (andly, Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord'.

Pivian and Michael Bonney.

BRADLEY - On June 17th.
pearefully al home in
Mouliton. Bertina Ceridwen
(née Jones) in her 97th year.
Beloved wife of the laire
Harry Bradley. (ormerly
Director of S.A.T.R.A.,
kettering, treasured mother
of Brenda, Hilda and
Gordon, mother-th-law of
Jason and Justin. Funeral on
Friday June 22nd. service at
the Parish Church of St Peter
and Paul, kettering at 12
noon. followed by Interment
in Rothwell Road Cemelery.
Family flowers only please
may be sent to J.R. Norris
and Son Funeral Directors.
Edinburgh Road, Kettering,
Northanis. MEMORIAL SERVICES COPELIA - The lith annual memorial service for Mrs Aruyro Copelia is taking place today at Cambridge. Postsonery or Strut British. A Service of Thunkoprung for the Life and Work of The Rt. Hon. the Lord Ponsoning of Shulbrede will be held at 11 am on Thursday. July 19th 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Weitminster. Those wisting to utend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a SAE to Opposition Whips. House of Lords, London SWI, by no taker than July 5th Tickets will be posted on July 12th. All are welcome to attend. COCAN - On June 18th 1990, pracetully at \$1 Monica control of the late Home, Mary Loveday (nie Titcomb), wife of the late Captain L.B. Cogan R.N.V.R. Funeral Service at \$1 Monica Chapel. Cote Lane. Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 2.15 mm. Monday June 25th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund c/o Thomas Davis Funeral Directors. Southville Lodge. Southville Road, Bristol. RS3 1DJ. COCAN - On June 18th 1990.

IN MEMORIAM -

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Thomas Holloway (1800-83) who made a fortune out of patent medicines (The Times profited by his

lavish advertising) built up his collection of paintings at a cost of £84,000. The college, now the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, is at present considering selling its Turner, Constable and Gainsborough, which appear in this article to be less noteworthy than the works by Victorian artists.

## THE ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE

At the invitation of Mr George Martin-Holloway, a numerous com-pany of gentlemen visited Mount Leo, Egham, on Saturday last for the purpose of viewing the Royal Holloway College, which is to be opened by the Queen on the 30th inst. The college is not far distant from Egham Station, whence the essengers on the South-Western Railway are able to obtain a momentary glimpse of the imposing pile of buildings which the philanthropy of the late Mr Thomas Holloway has dedicated to the promotion of female education. On a closer inspection, the college, which is built of red brick, with Portland stone dressings, is found to be in the style of the French Renaissance, resembling in character the chateaux in the Touraine during the reign of Francis I - a style of architecture which was decided upon by Mr Holloway after a tour of three years on the Continent, with the architect, Mr W H Crossland. The whole building forms an extensive double quadrangle, and is probably unsurpassed by any existing college as regards the area which it occupies. To the late Mrs Holloway, the wife of the founder, is due the inception of an idea that has been carried out in a manner which can only be described as princely. It was by the advice of that lady that Mr Thomas Holloway decided to establish a college to afford the hest education suitable for women of the middle and upper

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middle classes ... The entire building testifies to a lavish expenditure of money, time, and labour, and if there be a fault to be found with the future surroundings of the students of Holloway College it is that they are

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DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

# Just a trace of the whodunits

zard from a school in Rotherham last week were warned that they risked permanent brain damage if they handled their prey because the taxidermist had used arsenic in his preparation. Sinister as the effects of arsenic can be, this must be an exaggeration, for it has been used to prevent putrefaction for centuries. Arsenic soap is still used in taxidermy today, even though arsenic injections in the dissecting room, introduced at the London Hospital in the mid-19th century, were soon abandoned. The Whitechapel surgeons developed blistering sores, euphemistically described in a contemporary text book as troublesome. Dermatologists now accept that regular handling of arsenic can cause skin cancer. Arsenic's importance in medicine has

changed during the last 200 years. In the 19th century it was prescribed for both internal and external use and in Britain it seems to have first been popularised in 1786 by Dr Fowler of Stafford, who used it to treat intermittent fevers. In the 1840s it formed part of what must have been one of the first well-regulated clinical trials designed to compare the relative merits of arsenic and quinine in the treatment of fever. The Chinese probably used arsenic for the treatment of ague many centuries before Dr Fowler's treatise. Both in the Far East, where arsenic was combined with black pepper and gum arabic, and in Europe,

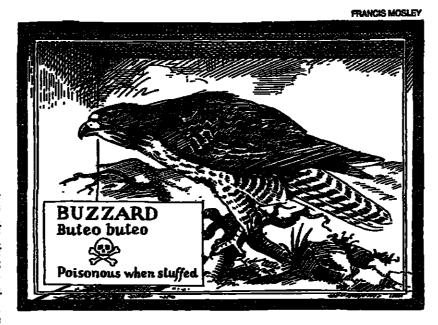
syphilis; it was still used for this purpose, in a rather different form, until the advent of antibiotics at the end of the second world war. As a paste, or a solution with or without the addition of mercury, it was prescribed within living memory for a wide variety of skin troubles including psoriasis, eczema, leprosy and the skin manifestations of leukaemia and other malignant disease. The caustic properties of arsenical paste were recognised by 19th century surgeons. Part of the considerable reputation of Sir Astley Cooper, who founded the fortunes of the Duff Coopers, was based on the care he gave to post-operative wounds. He was a great advocate of arsenical compounds.

illustrated comparatively recently by a man who applied his own home-mixed arsenical paste to a cancerous lesion, poisoned himself, and died. Accidental industrial poisoning with arsenic has been comparatively common this century. In 1901, 6,000 drinkers in Manchester were slowly poisoned by beer contaminated with arsenic; even teetotaliers are not safe. for within the last 15 years there has been a report of well water infiltrated by

but acknowledged that their unwise

application could spell disaster: this was

grasshopper bait. Between the wars, arsenic was the most favoured poison used in homicide; very often when maliciously



administered it was given in repeated small doses because, since it is almost tasteless and without smell, it is difficult to detect and its symptoms mimic a wide variety of diseases. Most older doctors have stories of chronic arsenical poisoning - for example, of the parson who lost weight, hair and condition while at home, but recovered from his anorexia, nausea and vomiting when admitted to hospital. After he was advised to forego his morning porridge, always prepared by his apparently loving wife to give him a good start for the day, he regained hair and health and lived to a ripe old age, still married.

Less fortunate was the expatriate whose morning coffee was suspect. He, too, lived but always thereafter walked around Norfolk with a high-stepping gait like that of a hackney horse; it served as a reminder of the peripheral nerve damage from which he had suffered. Arsenic has now been abandoned in most rat poisons, pesticides and weedkillers and it is no longer used as a depilatory. Aniline dyes have replaced it in wallpapers and household paints, but not before the American ambassador in Rome in the 1950s became seriously ill from ingesting the tiny flakes of green paint which had fallen from the ceiling onto her pillow.

# Dangers in the dark

he countless thousands of mildly short-sighted people who tend to be lax about wearing spectacles when driving may be unaware of night myopia. This is a condition in which short-sightedness increases as dusk falls and darkness intensifies, Dr C.B. James and D R Drew, from St Thomas's, London, have written to The Lancet to draw the attention of patients and doctors alike to the recent judgment at Durham Crown Court in which a patient suffering from night myopia and not wearing his spectacles ran into and killed a pedestrian. Night myopia is difficult to correct because the amount of light present is constantly varying and is dependent on whether the driver

is on a lonely country road, or a well-lit street, whether it is moonlight, wet, or dry. It is impracticable to have a battery of speciacles of varying strength in the dashboard cubbyhole, But short-sighted people are advised that they should always wear their spectacles at night and that they should modify their driving when the light is poor.

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# Slow, dangerous bends ahead

S cuba diving, by subjecting the body to unaccustomed and unnatural variations of pressure and temperature, can cause medical troubles. But these are usually compar-atively mild when compared with those which affect deep-sea divers, as has been shown this week in the case of the diver from the Greenpeace vessel Sirius who had to be airlifted to a decompression chamber after getting into difficulties in the Atlantic.

Subjecting the body to environ-mental pressures appreciably greater than the barometric pressure found at or near sea level results in changes in the concentration of nitrogen in the blood. Such changes can have serious, or even fatal results if rapid decompression by surfacing too quickly is allowed to take place, driving the excess nitrogen out of the body tissues and fluids faster than it can be expired by the lungs. When this happens, bubbles collect in blood vessels, or in the tissue itself, thereby forming the dangerous air emboli so beloved by detective writers. The absorbed nitrogen takes a particularly long time to be expelled from fatty tissue, either from fatty deposits or from the central nervous system, the brain and spinal cord.

Divers, and the medical staff looking after them, have tables from which they work out the safe limits which divers can spend at certain depths and the time they can spend there. Other tables record the time which must be allowed. for decompression so that it can take place safely, without any ensuing sickness. A particular danger is repeated diving, without enough time between dives for a full recovery.

The symptoms the bubbles can produce are legion and are dependent on where they form. Technically, the term bends refers to simple de-compression sickness. In bends, bubbles collect in the blood vessels and lymphatics in the skin around a joint, where they cause swelling and a mottled reddening of the skin, which in consequence becomes very itchy. X-rays show that, although gas collects around the joints, there is no joint damage, although the condition does result in excruciating pain.

Serious decompression sickness can affect either the lungs, in which case it is known as the chokes, or, in about 10 per cent of cases, the central nervous system. When a diver suffers from the chokes, the bubbles either obstruct the blood vessels leading to the lungs or form in the lung tissue itself, in either event the patient becomes blue and breathless and may collapse.

The most serious form of decompression sickness affects the blood supply to the brain or spine. Damage to either can cause a lasting, stroke-like disability because the spinal cord and the centres in the brain relating to balance and coordination have a less good blood supply than the rest of the brain. They are particularly vulnerable and injury to these parts is likely to manifest itself as a permanent limb weakness and a persistent unsteady gait.

# What does an airline do if a pilot is high?

an Anderson, a psychologist, recalls an airline pilot confessing to him that sometimes he was so drunk he could hardly climb into the cockpit. An almost equally chilling case was another client who regularly

used heroin.
"She would take some every Britain, but there are growing few days, so she was either pressures for its more widezonked out or suffering withdrawal symptons. Her colleagues would say to her You're not with us today', or You seem to get a lot of flu'.

"What was shocking was that she was a social worker. If her colleagues, who deal with such problems every day did not realise what was going on, what chance is there for the ordinary manager?"

Dr Anderson believes that such cases would not have theory and practice of "Testhappened if the airline and the council had implemented screening progammes. "The idea is to reach people before they get to that stage and give College Hospital, London, them help."

Drug testing is widespread in the United States, where it has been the subject of much debate. Tests on the military, for instance, brought a dramatic drop in the the number of positives: from 10 per cent to 2 per cent in five years. On the other hand, two employees recently won suits in the California Supreme Court against their employers for breaching their rights to

Testing is still rare in cocaine cause trouble; the

The safety implications of an airliner flown by a drug addict or a drunk at an atom plant are terrifying. Liz Gill reports on the growing practice of company screening

spread use. Last week the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) booklet Drug Abuse at Work; A Guide to Employers claimed there was a case for testing in some key jobs where "impairment due to drugs could have disastrous effects for the individual, colleagues, members of the public and the environment". Yesterday a conference of experts and employers considered the ing for drugs and alcohol in the workplace".

Dr Graham Lucas, consultant psychiatrist at King's and a medical adviser to the HSE, believes that, although alcohol remains the major hazard, the drug issue is of increasing importance.

"The concept of the spacedout, degenerate junkie is nonsense," he says. "It is as likely to be that neat man with his 2.4 children, his 2.4 Jag and his 2.4 acres. In a hospital it could be the consultant surgeon as well as the porter.' Moreover, not only hard drugs such as heroin and be almost as dangerous, particularly the interaction between alcohol and the minor tranquilisers. "A sleeping pill at night followed by a pint at lunchtime the next day can significantly impair skills and concentration," Dr Lucas

The scale of drug abuse in the workplace is hard to quantify. Other indicators are up: customs seizures, offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act, the number of notified addicts, which rose from 2,100 in 1978 to 9,000 in 1988, and referrals to agencies. Dr Lucas points out that up to half the people attending dependency employment.

Users do not necessarily fall foul of the police, however, and companies which have done drug surveys are coy about publishing them. The concensus seems to have settled at around 5 per cent of a workforce (10 per cent are estimated to misuse alcohol).

The outward signs of alcohol and drug misuse - irritability, confusion, poor time-keeping, mood swings, increased short-term sickness

misuse of prescribed drugs can absence and deterioration in relationships — could stem

from a variety of causes. For this reason, Dr Anderson says, company managers should not try to diagnose. Their role is to judge work performance, bearing in mind that drink and drugs might be a cause of deterioration.

Dr Anderson runs a management consultancy helping companies set up and run such policies. His clients have come mostly from the oil and transportation industries. "You don't do it just because you are a nice guy, but because it is cost effective. It protects t negligence claims, cuts down on absenteeism, lateclinics are in regular ness, and accidents. One of the most inefficient things you can do is lose someone on whom you have spent money

> So far he has not met resistance from employees. On the contrary, he says, trade unions welcome systems which help staff rather than punish them.

"I'm not anti-drinking in fact I'm a single-malt aficio-nado, and I hold civil liberties dear. But those include my freedom to travel in the

certain knowledge that the driver or the captain has not been drinking or snorting

Testing can take several forms: pre-employment, after some incident such as a fight or an accident, as part of a rehabilitation programme, or random sampling. The trend so far has been for preemployment or after in-

John Lowenstein, the managing director of Medscreen, which provides equipment and support services in this field, believes dozens of organisations have hegun random testing. He says that procedures must be forensically scrupulous. His company uses the same alcohol testers as the police, urine collection is both private and foolproof, and positive results are double checked.

st companies offer the individ ual some sort of heip — counselling, therapy, and time off to attend a clinic. Dr Christopher Roythorne is the manager of medical services for the Conoco oil company in the United Kingdom and mainland Europe. The company tests both pre-employment and where somebody has been on a recovery programme, and it is prepared to subsidise such programmes by up to 80 per cent. In some cases the cost could be £6,000, though only one employee has been af-fected so far. "We aim to identify abuse before it gets to that point." Conoco is considering "for cause" (after an incident) testing and Dr Roythorne thinks there may be a case for random screening.

Most companies with substance-abuse programmes are in high-risk areas and it would be diffucult to counter the safety argument: the disaster potential in a drugged nuclear reactor worker or drunken chemical plant operative is евоппоиз.

In other jobs, however, the issues may be more of performance and efficiency. Mr ard, a barrister and industrial Lowenstein says: "I can't relations consultant, no docthink of any job where it does tor would test a worker withnot matter. I don't want my doctor or my bank manager affected by mind-altering sub-



Setting the limit: 10 per cent of employees are thought to be misusing alcohol

my window cleaner," In Britain, the individual

has no legal right to privacy but according to Gillian Howout the worker's informed consent. To do so would make the doctor liable for assault

tested must have been negotiated as part of a contract. Nevertheless, Miss Howard can imagine circumstances in which a court would think it reasonable for a company to have asked for a test, such as where someone was badly impaired, where drugs have

stances. Nor, for that matter, and battery. Agreement to be had been a suspicious ac-

Employees whose work and behaviour is beyond reproach could, she thinks, hold out against signing their consent. If they were sacked they would have good grounds for unfair dismissal. "In such cases.

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# Deep into Heseltine country



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## **FICTION**

# The novel as tedious rambo improvisation

n this novel a mini-skirned journalist from The Times called Fiona Hayes-Drummond claims she has been raped by a Russian author attending a writer's conference in London. The implication is that her complaint was sincere, but

that she would have done better to let herself enjoy it. This Russian has also been to bed with Raisa Gorbachev and enjoyed a petting session with Mrs Thatcher, I doubt whether the prime minister will be flattered by his account of the proceedings. There is a re-

Victoria Glendinning on sex with The Times and others

peated suggestion in this book that LYING TOGETHER many women long to be mastered, used and punished, and have been By D. M. Thomas misled by "societies of angry Gollancz, £13.95 women" into resisting their true natures. Lying Together, you will have grasped, is a novel about

title is a pretty obvious pun. Since The White Hotel - which was a much better book than most critics and readers in this country thought, though not such a wonderful one as critics and readers in the United States believed - D. M. Thomas has been writing a sequence of novels based on the idea of improvisation. All novels are improvisa-tions, but his are multiple and fragmented. His characters spin long yarns, reliving historical epi-

sodes, or pursuing subconscious desires. They are apparently supernaturally inspired or posfact and fiction. It also sides authorial commitment and sus-

Pushkin's Egyptian Nights.
In this final novel of the quintet,

sessed by some outside force, like mediums. The technique gives endless scope for stories within stories, dreams within dreams. and the kaleidoscopic mixing of tained narrative. Every episode is a Russian doll with another inside it. The inspiration, too, is Russian;

the improvisers are old friends three Russian writers and one English one, reunited at the conference. For the first time D. M. Thomas appears as himself. "I'm Don Thomas." Bored by the conference, the four friends meet in each other's hotel bedrooms with a tape-recorder, and im-provise stories to make a novel as they have done before, each

D. M.Thomas isn't even its author. Unlike its predecessors in the series, it has been compiled and expanded from the tapes by his three collaborators, who felt dissatisfied by the way they were represented when he was doing the writing-up. So we have the real-life D. M. Thomas writing a book, allegedly by other people, in which he is the first-person narrator.

The D. M. Thomas which they, or he, reveal or invent is given to plonking truisms when he isn't engaged in sexual fantasising. Freud is still his god. There are some sly jokes at the old monster's expense, nevertheless. Visiting Freud's house in Hampstead, the narrator feels that "the mysteriousness of sexuality lay all around", and wonders if his companions too feel "the presence of Freud's serene wisdom, his lucid intelligence. I wanted to lay on him the burden of our fractured

present."
What fractures the present for him is too many women in trousers, and too many foreign persons on the Underground. Our unreliable narrator is a primitive bar-room jock. He yearns for "the England in which everyone was patently English and women en-

picking up where the other left off, like a game of Consequences.

Within the world of this novel,

Within the world of this novel, men". There's a lot of defiant sniping at feminists and The Guardian, and although the narrator does not associate himself with the bullish attitudes towards rape and incest expressed by his collaborators, he has a hearty appreciation of the Sun newspaper, with special reference to page three and stories about knickers. Ho ho ho.

The linked improvisations concern a Russian couple who pursue their erotic marital life (fantasy number one) while she and we read a correspondence between Krafft-Ebing and a sadomasochistic servant girl (fantasy number two) and he, an improvisor himself, dreams of climbing the north face of the Eiger (fantasy number three). There is also a pornographic episode concerning a glamorous, blind, female film director and various other people, variously coupled (fantasies unnumbered).

The best and funniest bits of this book are embedded in its framework. For example, a conference of film directors is taking place in the same hotel, and delegates keep wandering into the wrong group, and not noticing the difference. There are hopeful signs that Thomas's obsession with improvisations has played itself out. He mercifully allows one, which was in verse, to be accidentally wiped from the tape. The collaborators are wearily critical of one another's contributions. "There's simply no unity, no consistency, no narrative thrust. All those pseudo-dreams and irrelevant letters." You can say that again, "Our 'novel' was almost certainly a write-off, but that in a sense gave a kind of freedom." Freedom to write a different kind of novel, perhaps.

# They tread on my dreams

THEY may make the best cars in Turin, glass in Venice, and priests in Rome, but it is in Sicily that the best Italian novelists drop off the conveyor belt. With the death of Leonardo Sciascia, Gesualdo Bufalino has become the island's grand old man of letters, although he only started writing relatively late in life, and only came to international attention when he won the Premio Strega, Italy's equivalent of the Booker, in 1988. The victorious novel was Le Menzogne della Notte, or Night's Lies, which now becomes his second work to find its way into

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Night's Lies begins with a magnificently crafted red herring. Bufalino invites the reader to picture a rock in the Mediterranean, craegy, volcanic, inhosimage of Monte Cristo, it provides an unfurnished home to the sea birds, who come and go as they please, and to the inmates of an inescapable prison, who do not. The four principal prisoners - a baron, a gentlemanly poet, a soldier with a religious education, and an amorous student - bear more than a passing resemblance

to Dumas's Four Musketeers. And yet, if this is an adventure story, it is an adventure not of action but of words. Setting themselves against an oppressive royal regime, the four men have all fought for the nation's freedom,

**Jasper Rees** 

**NIGHT'S LIES** By Gesualdo Bufalino Collins Harvill, £11.95

consequently surrendering their own. Sentenced to death by decapitation, they are offered a loophole by the wily old prison governor. In his crumbling decrepitude, he remains eager to ingratiate himself with his king, and promises to reinstate life and liberty to all four if one of them will anonymously reveal the name of the leader of their conspiracy.

Given a night to mull over the offer, the quartet opt instead to kill the time until the blade kills them by narrating stories. The baron identity only when his twin brother was slain in a duel; the soldier, of how he killed the rapist who spawned him in obedience to the decree of his mother. In the concluding tale, it emerges that the poet is using the form of the narrative to present an idealised image of himself. It is an old bandit, defaced beyond recognition by torture, also condemned to death and sharing their eve-ofexecution cell, who spots this. From his discovery ensues a highly charged disquisition on truth and lying, reality and

This is a novel about trusting to nothing and no one, least of all one's self. As he nears his denouement. Bufalino peels away onion layers of falsity, revealing at the core no more than a list of questions. Does this "God the Father", the name given to the leader of the conspiracy, even exist? Who is any man, other than who he chooses to say he is? Is any ideal - God, liberty, the people, justice - worth a death, when one can hold on to life by shifting identity? "We resemble all of us together, the rotting shreds of a dismembered cartulary," says the bandit. "Small-part actors, you and I are, in an endless sham, Mummers in a weird and an odious misunderstanding." (As is often the way with Italian writers, Bufalino now and then reads saving grace of which is that the

This is a teasing, calculated, cunning novel, depicting, in the formal Decameron-style structure of fables, a world utterly bereft of structure. Hence the rock-solidity of the island, a granite lump of fact in a never-ending sea of fiction. "Have I dreamt it all up?" asks the governor, a beautifully delineated character, even at the death. There is no denying credit to the man who indisputably did dream it all

Italian can actually be heard in

Patrick Creagh's lyrical

EVER since I first wrote a review, every word that leads to others renews my tie with the world, and the feeling it may be possible to go on. Really? I paraphrase the opening of Peter Handke's The Afternoon of a Writer, dedicated to F. Scott Fitzgerald because the title and the subject of the difficulty of writing are taken from a collection of his stories called Afternoon of an Author.

My review goes on, because I am paid and wish to review this book and three others. Handke's book goes on despite his daily fear of coming to a standstill in the work, in life. Yet that is what Sam Beckett wrote about work and life - the only thing is to be done, to have done. Handke's short book does come to a sort of end with the writer going to sleep, as this review will, with the reader, I hope, awake. A playwright of some distinction and few conclusions. Handke seems to be so involved in the process of writing that he threatartist. He believes, with Heraclitus, that all is flux. To write about the transient is criminal, to produce a book is presumption, more damnable than any other sin. Away from his desk, which is made into a place of righteousness by the change of one word, he feels on a walk the experience of namelessness. Emptiness is his guiding principle. In fact, Handke's book contradicts Fitzgerald's collection, which spoke of the illusion and pain and disillusion of writing, not of its vacuum and uncertainty. Afternoon of an

# Slow pen of an unready writer

**Andrew Sinclair** 

THE AFTERNOON OF A WRITER By Peter Handke Methuen, £11.99 EXIT A Romanian Story

By Richard Wagner Verso, £24.95 THREE KINGS By Ah Cheng Collins Harvill, £11.95 ORANGES FROM SPAIN By David Park

Cape, £11.95

young writers. Handke's despair will make them drop their pens. The other books in this review were also difficult to write, because of their subject and their circumstance rather than their composition. The authors felt they had to communicate their experience. Necessity was the mother of inspiration. Richard Wagner, a Romanian of Swabian descent, retraced his steps to Timisoara, the birthplace of his country's revolution, and near his own birthplace. He has written a

preface to his autobiographical novel Exit, which deals with the dull persecution of minority cultures under the Ceausescu regime. A new language has taken over, in which the hated Securitate policeman are now called "terrorists". This reversal of roles has created the distance the people need to free themselves from the nightmare of the previous tyranny.

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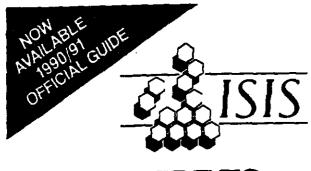
rupt caste of parvenus, which was the parody of a social élite. The government had endured through fear, mistrust, opportunism, corruption, and collaboration. But could a new style arise after decades of misrule? All seems provisional. Democracy is incomprehensible, although at hand. Wagner makes his hero, Stirner, escape from a country which was not a country and cafes which had no coffee, and then return to an incredulity about the future of liberty and the good life in such a wasted land. He conveys the dreariness of oppression better than any writer since George Orwell in 1984, and he hints at the unreality of freedom to a people unaccustomed to it.

Ah Cheng comes from a generation of educated urban Chinese youths sent to toil in the countryside, and meant to receive their

education from the peasants. There he became story-teller and an artist. In Three Kings, he tells of a Chess Fool, who plays blind games by the principles of the Tao and Zen; of a peasant fighting to save a huge mountain oak from the axe of progress; and of a children's teacher in a rural school full of farm animals. He suggests that the escape from oppression and poverty lies in a reversion to traditional values.

The Chess fool learns from a refuse-collector that the way to win the game is to do nothing, and to draw an opponent into one's own strategy, never to enter into his. His mother's only gift to him is a set of blank chess pieces, suggesting that the solution of the concrete may derive from concentration on the abstract. Ah Cheng's philosophy is made earthy by a wry realism - feasts of snake-meat and rats. These are original and evocative novellas in praise of the spirit in its struggle to

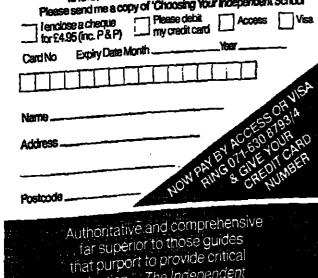
David Park has lived and worked most of his life in Belfast with a different kind of adversity and anguish as his neighbours. The stories in Oranges from Spain are of ambushes and murders, of grief and bigotry. In "Killing a Brit", a boy writes an essay on "Cruelty to Animals", then he sees a soldier shot by a sniper and yells, "Go on, die, ya bastard!", and finally he releases a caterpiller from his lunch box so that it may turn into a butterfly. In the discrepancy between actions, in the contradictions of passing thoughts, lies the art.



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evaluation." The Independent

THIS must be the literary equivalent of restoring the lost 70 minutes to the scissored version of Heaven's Gate, except that The Stand wasn't a flop; far from it. It was originally published in 1979, after Stephen King obligingly cut out 400 pages of manuscript to please his accountancy department. King fans immediately fell into two camps. Some of us found it a disappointment after The Shining - which remains his best book. Others were transported.

Ten years later, back by popular demand with the missing pages -the length of a fair-sized novel tacked back into place, The Stand is ... exactly the same, only bigger. The first third contains some of the scariest stuff the author has ever done: 99.4 per cent of the world's population is accidentally bumped off when a lethal strain of superflu leaks out of a research institute. "I got the chance to scrub the whole human race, and it was fun!" King wrote in his overview of the horror genre, Danse Macabre. The survivors polarise into good and evil camps, and here, unfortunately, the book goes downhill all the way, probably because King's forte is breaking, not making; his attempts at recreating civilisation are frankly dull, and his brave new citizens - particularly a pregnant Jewish American Princess called Fran - are a pain in the butt.

● The Waiting Room, by T. M. Wright (Gollancz, £3.99). This is the sequel to A Manhattan Ghost Story, one of the best spookfests of the Eighties. Wright's central idea is that the city is full of ghosts, and that we frequently glimpse them. but usually assume they're living people like us. This is a great idea (and makes sense of all those snatches of everyday surrealism one sees on the streets of any big city), but the narrator of the sequel needs to have it explained to him over and over again; his old school chum is having an affair with a dead woman, and hanging around with deceased folks is bad for his health. Once the narrator stops being sceptical the story picks up for a roller-coaster nightmare climax on the road to the couple's love-nest in Vermont.

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By Stephen King Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

 Midnight Tales, by Bram Stoker, edited by Peter Haining (Peter Owen, £13.50). Dracula is such an extraordinary book that it tends to cast the rest of Bram Stoker's work into shadow. None of it approaches the head-on collision between horror and sexuality that is his masterpiece, but this selection has real curiosity value. It includes a hitherto unpublished beginning to Dracula, as well as two unpublished chapters from The Jewel of the Seven Stars (filmed in 1972 by Hammer as Blood from the Mummy's Tomb) which were originally considered too distasteful for readers to contemplate. Best of all is Haining's running commentary, which describes Stoker's years as manager to Sir Henry Irving and their suppers at the Beefsteak Room.

• The Dark Descent, edited by David G. Hartwell (Grafton, £12.95). This is the first of three volumes tracing the history of the horror short story. This volume, as far as I can make out, is concerned with "the intrusion of

supernatural evil into consensus reality". Hartwell, a PhD in comparative literature from Columbia University, is a better editor than he is a preface writer, though his introduction to each contributor is useful. His thesis is that horror literature has developed almost entirely through the short story, and that the horror novel is a relatively recent and experimental form - debatable but interesting. Most aficionados of the genre will have already read H. P. Lovecraft's "The Call of Othulhu", M. R. James's "The Ash Tree", and Ray Bradbury's "The Crowd". But the selection is a sound one, and it warms one's cockles to see the Saki-esque John Collier represented as well, with the utterly charming and sinister "Evening Primrose". Bring this man back into print.

 Dark Voices — The Best from the Pan Book of Horror Stories, edited by Stephen Jones and Clarence Paget (Pan, £3.99). I'm not the only reader who grew up sneaking guilty peeks at Pan's horror paperbacks. Clive Barker and David Cronenberg are among the celebrities who have written short confessional introductions to the 13 stories collected here. Even the covers used to strike terror into my heart (I have particularly fond memories of a skull with a rat in it), and each new sliver of nastiness would curdle my blood for weeks - but I always came back for more. This 30thanniversary selection is admirably broad in scope. The list of writers ranges from John Lennon to Ian McEwan and Stanley Ellin, as well as embracing the more predictable names of King, Bradbury, and Bloch. The editors should get a pat on the back, too, for their inclusion of 30 years' worth of contribmors' index.

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## Interpretation and Over-interpretation BY UMBERTO ECO

The author of The Name of the Rose is also a leading Italian literary scholar. In his book The Open Work, Umberto Eco argued that literature is largely made by its interpreters. He now thinks this idea has gone too far ... not least in interpretations of his own fiction.

In the TLS on June 22 and 29 we publish two articles by Eco, exploring and satirizing various forms of critical permissiveness and offering a new theory of the interaction between reader and text.



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**BOOKS** 

# Fair is fair

Joseph Connolly gauges the success of the London Antiquarian Book Fair

more than 100 leading booksellers from around the world will carefully pack away however many of the 30,000 treasures remain unsold at the end of the three-day London Antiquarian Book Fair. It is the 31st annual bonanza for the upper class of the book trade: very little is on sale here for less than £50, and price tags of several thousand pounds are quite usual.

The dealers are nevertheless confident that, in London, the buyers will be there. Londoners themselves are not perceived to be unusually wellheeled or discriminating, but the city does seem to be inextricably linked with the antiquarian book in the minds of the international trade and collectors alike.

The term "antiquarian" is a editions (for which, despite the economic climate buyers may always be found). seek to extend the brief by endeavouring to persuade the collector that whatever is available is also desirable.

The contrasts on offer this year demonstrate that one man's gem may be another man's over-priced lumber. Bob Dylan's book Tarantula is hardly a model of literary accomplishment, for example, yet a copy inscribed by Dylan to John and Yoko Lennon is priced at £12,500. At last year's fair, the same copy sold for £4,000 less. There are plans and maps relating to the Battle of Waterloo (£19,500), a threedecker first edition presentation copy of Great Expectations (£46,000), and a 9thcentury example of a Koran in Eastern Kufic script on vel-lum, for sale at £250,000.

The major auction houses, unlike the private dealers, seem to have no difficulty at all in mounting an increasing number of sales every year, with prices regularly outstripping estimates. They maintain that in no other field of collecting has there been a comparable rise in interest and prices, except for paintings (especially Van Goghs) and the furniture of Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

According to Sarah Soames. book department: "Interest and prices have increased dramatically, even in the last 12 months." Soames quotes colour-plate books as being most in demand; a Dutch 18th-century four-volume set crammed with hand-coloured Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly. apothecary plates sold in April London W1. I lam-6pm.

t 6pm today in the Park for £150,000. Although this Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, was £60,000 over estimate, the telling fact is that just one year ago, only £20,000 to £30,000 would have been expected. Soames adds: "We estimated a copy of David Roberts's The Holy Land at £45,000, but it fetched £95,000. It's not even that rare a book."

But because collectors now seem to be buying and hoarding, the commonplace soon becomes rare, and the rare unobtainable. Julian Rota, head of the English Literature and History department at Sotheby's, confirms this. "Collectors will not compromise on condition. But they will look at odd areas which a few years ago would not have been considered." This becomes clear if you glance at the "wanted" and "for sale" columns in the Book and Magazine Collector, loose one, and is becoming a monthly publication aimed more so as dealers, desperate at the relatively impecunious to get their hands on rare amateur. It seems chock-full of nothing but Beano and Rupert books, Giles annuals and James Bond ephemera.

> We sold a first of Eric Ambler's Uncommon Danger (1937) for £3,200," Rota says. That really knocked the book world." It certainly did: the book world was unaware that Ambler was even collected. This was as nothing to the news that Stephen Spender's first little pamphlet of poems, printed by himself in 1928, was recently sold in America for £40,000, making it the most expensive 20th-century book ever. No one knew that Spender was collected either.

seems to be that if something is covetably rare and commensurately expensive, it is desirable. If it is reasonably accessible, then it must be in unusually fine condition. If it is neither of these, forget it.

However, in the light of collectors' high spending and increasingly discerning acquisitiveness, , is it fanciful to wonder whether the antiquarian book trade might simply run out of the best things to sell? This seems improbable. Certainly a freer availability of sought-after rarities can, paradoxically, only come about after the unthinkable happens: a collapse in the market, which would make the hugely desirable much less associate director of Christie's so. This, unfortunately, says very little about the beauty and quality of rare books. However, of the attitudes of present-day collectors it speaks volumes.

## CRITIC'S CHOICE: LITERATURE

ANNE STEVENSON AND HUGO WILLIAMS: Stevenson is a poet at the height of her powers. She writes poems full of informed curosity with a sensuous pleasure of the natural world. The Other ouse is her first new co since 1985. Williams has the ability to narrate ordinary events into the extraordinary. The writing is simple and direct and draws extensively on his own expene on his own experences. Poetry Society. 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (071-373 7861), tonight, 7.30pm £2.50 (£2), St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055), tomorrow, 1.10pm;

APPLES AND SNAKES: This, the sixth Midsummer Poetry Festival, nts a range of performance poetry. Much of the work is unabashed entertainment, flavoured with salire. It seeks to ekindle interest in the art of aural poetry and story-telling traditions, still considered important to many cultures in Britain. The line-up includes Sister Netria, Brother Niyi, Marsha Prescod and Patience

Agbabi. St Martin's Market Theatre. Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (081-690 9368), Sat, 2.30-5 30pm,

EDWIN BROCK AND MARTYN CRUCEFIX: Enitharmon Press, one of Britain's more successful small presses, celebrates its 21st anniversary with this reading. Crucefix is an incisive new voice who won an Eric Gregory Award in 1984. His poems engage strongly and the rhythms of his phrases are bold His first collection, Beneath Tremendous Rain, is due to be published later this year. The Voice Box. Level 5. Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50, £1.50.

CONTEMPORARY POETS: PORTRAITS BY PETER EDWARDS: Tomorrow, the artist talks about his exhibition, a line

and revealing show, which finishes at the weekend. Craig Raine gives the final reading in conjunction with this exhibition. Raine, initiator of the so-called "Martian" poetry of the early Eighties, has a strong popular following, although his attempts at futuristic verse seem ned to become dated Perhaps his recently released collection of literary essays, Haydn and the Valve Trumpet, will restore his influence (Sal) National Portrait Gallery.

THE LEEDS FESTIVAL AND SMALL PRESS FAIR: A welcome occasion to sample the richness and diversity of publications from ish Independent presses. There will be exhibitions, book launches and readings throughout the weekend Readings from Craig Plaine (see comment above) (Mon. er of the Peterloo Compe

Spm) and Debjara Chatterjee (Wed. 8pm). Chatterjee, is a past tition's Afro-Canbbean/Asian section and her most recent publication, *Barbed Lines*, marks her out as a compelling new voice. Exhibition. The Bishopsgate Venue, 1 Bishopsgate Street, Leeds, Sat-Sun, free, Readings held at: Leeds Grammar School Theatre, Moor Lane (Mon); The Hindu Temple, Alexandra Road, Leeds (Wed) Festival information: 0532 428887.

THE HARD EDGE CLUB: Dinah Livingstone, always worth hearing, alongside Lindsay Mc Rae, a onetime member of Angels of Fire. Completing this bill are the producer, John Ansliss and drector, Les Tate. The Red Lion (upstairs), 20 Great Windmill Street, London W1 (071-732 4007), Mori, 8.30pm, £2.50.

dance auditorium for London, which imply demolition of one of our most historic theatres

**Debra Craine** reports on plans for a showcase

Stephen Remington, director of Sadler's Wells Theatre: "Whatever we do to the present building will be a compromise"

The Wells must die, to live

for dance. But if the plans by Sadler's companies in Britain, and home to Wells go ahead, one of London's most stars such as Alicia Markova, Margot historic theatres will be demolished. Fonteyn and Robert Helpmann, its At a joint news conference yesloss would be mourned by some. terday, Sadler's Wells and Thames There will be a tinge of sadness Water announced three proposals for when it goes," says Remington. "Wonderful things happened here, future use of the privatised water board's site, which is adjacent to the

some great companies were born here.

there have been many other schemes

proposals include plans to create a new there have been terrific performances here. But people will recognise with theatre as part of an overall commertheir heads the need and value of this cial and residential development. change, even if in their hearts they will be sad." Besides, he continues, "What-Sadler's Wells director Stephen Remington says: "A new theatre would secure the heritage of Sadler's Wells for the indefinite future and ever we do to the present building will be a compromise. Behind Remington's dream of a enable us to pursue policies we have new Sadler's Wells lies the reality that been trying to pursue in the inad-

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comfortable seating in the 1,500-seat

Previous attempts at renovation

have met with fund-raising problems

and as all arts organisations are well

aware, there is not a lot of money -

either private or public - available to

the arts in the current economic

climate. Remington sees the partner-

ship with Thames Water as "certainly

the most exciting opportunity that's

One of the proposals calls for a new

Sadler's Wells Theatre to be built

within the old water board head-

quarters, retaining the outer structure

and plugging into the interior. But

Remington favours the second pro-

posal which would see the creation of a

purpose-built theatre and dance

centre, erected on the site of the

Both proposals involve the demo-

lition of the existing theatre building, opened in 1931 under the auspices of

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During the past 20 years, Sadler's to construct a purpose-built dance Wells has built a reputation for house for London. So far, at least, none has amounted to more than just innovation in its programming, particularly in the presentation of another missed opportunity. British and foreign dance companies. That London needs a theatre for It is this reputation that Remington dance is not an issue. The Arts has been trying to protect with his Council, various arts committees and various proposals for the building. foreign dance companies wanting to Even when it was originally convisit London have been complaining structed, the theatre was criticised for about a lack of proper venues for its limitations, including a cramped years. They point out that London stage, inadequate backstage facilities, stands alone among major inter-

national capitals in not having the right kind of theatres for dance. Nor is it only foreign companies who suffer. English National Ballet is hampered by a lack of sufficient performing space, with its showcase London seasons squeezed into two weeks at the Coliseum (home to English National Opera), and several more weeks at the Royal Festival Hall, where the choice of repertoire is limited by the fact that the South Bank facility is not a traditional proscenium

There is also the question of where the Royal Ballet will go when Covent Garden closes in late 1993 for major renovations. Even after they return. according to the Royal Ballet's administrative director. Anthony Russell-Roberts: "We would very much like to be part of a national house for dance and have block seasons there outside

the Opera House, Previous attempts to build a dance theatre have included an Entertainment Corporation proposal for the County Hall development on the South Bank, which was removed from that scheme at an early stage. The Entertainment Corporation, however, is not giving up. Its chairman, Peter Brightman, says "we reckon we will have our own dance theatre within 18

Three inner London sites are under consideration for this proposed 3,500seat theatre; Brightman says he hopes to make a firm announcement within the next few months about what would be the biggest of the proposed dance houses, designed to house the largestscale dance and opera companies on their London visits - companies such as New York City Ballet, La Scala and the Bolshoi and Kirov companies.

'We are absolutely determined to have a theatre," says Brightman, "I wish Sadler's Wells every success but my own feeling is that all those theatres are too small."

n another scheme, Stephen Hetherington, head of Hetherington Seelig, the international arts administration and management business, headed a consortium which wanted to buy and refurbish the Lyceum Theatre in the Strand with £12 million linked to Sun Moon's Unification Church. That plan fell apart after the London Residuary Body decided to sell the Lyceum to Brent Walker, although Russell-Roberts believes the Lyceum should not be

written off yet as an option. Hetherington has been trying to build a new theatre for opera and ballet for almost a decade. Despite serbacks, such as the much-publicised Lyceum saga, he is eager to keep on fighting. He is also one step ahead of Sadler's Wells, having acquired the option on a vacant site behind Waterloo Station, close to the South Bank arts complex. He envisages a 2.500-seat receiving theatre which could accommodate major opera and dance companies, and a planning application will be submitted to Lambeth this summer.

Funding for his theatre, estimated to cost at least £30 million, is said to be about 60 to 70 percent committed, and Hetherington is reasonably confident that financing will be totally secured. He is not so confident about the other Stephen's project, although he supports it wholeheartedly. "It's hard to see how Stephen

[Remington] could actually do it, but if I could help him I would." says Hetherington. "Yes, it will be somewhat competitive. But I see no problem there. A little bit of competition will benefit the public and the need is so great that two theatres alone may not be enough to satisfy it."

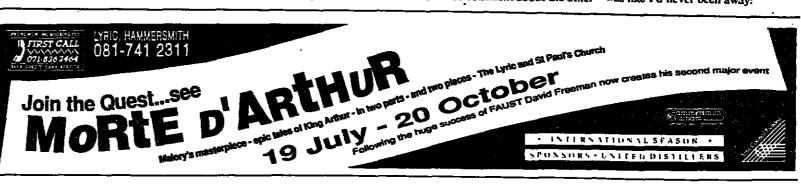
For his part, Remington is not worried that other proposals for a London dance house will adversely affect his chances of success. "There's no problem there," he says. "We are in friendly competition with each other. but constructive competition feeds theatre. And if all three theatres happen, well, wow, what a bonanza!"

He describes the proposed new Sadler's Wells, with a flexible seating capacity of 1,500-2,200, as a "totally integrated project, the kind of deal this government is asking us to do". Financing would depend on the profitability of the surrounding office development and, according to Remington, "we will not proceed with construction unless the new theatre can be paid for out of the planning gain implied by the level of office development.

The Sadler's Wells plans are in their infancy compared to projects such as Hetherington's, and their feasibility will depend on the reaction of the local community in Islington, where residents' groups have already raised objections to development of the Thames Water property. In any event, construction of a new theatre could not begin until 1992 when the water board leaves its offices on the site.

Carole McPhee, general administrator of English National Ballet, is one of those hoping a dance theatre will finally happen after a decade of discussion. "This company desperately needs somewhere it could build audiences from," she says. "A new theatre would give this company a stability it has never really enjoyed, as well as allowing us to build an ongoing and faithful audience, and serve our existing audience in a better way by giving them a wider range of what this company can do.

"Look, I left London in 1977 to go to Australia and between then and 1985, three beautiful theatres were built in Australia," she adds. "I came back to London in 1985 and they were still saying the same things about how London needs a theatre for dance. It was like I'd never been away!'



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# Brotherly devotion

David Robinson reviews the new releases, including Robert Altman's Vincent and Theo, Fools of Fortune, Stanley and Iris, Limit Up, Revenge and The Fourth War

ew men did more to enlarge our vision than Vincent van Gogh. None of them was ever so illrewarded in his lifetime. Van Gogh's short life was an endless battle with conscience, with the demands of his art, with sickness, mental instability, poverty and malnutrition.

Robert Altman's Vincent and Theo (15, Everyman, Screen on the Green) opens with a vivid illustration: video recordings of the recent sale of Sunflowers for £22.5 million are intercut with dramatised scenes of Van Gogh (Tim Roth), lying sick in his wretched studio.

Altman's interest (see interview, below) is in the extraordinary, touching devotion of Vincent's younger brother, who encouraged and supported him as best his own slight resources allowed. Without Theo the prolific output of Vincent's last ten years, and particularly the final months (he produced 70 canvases in the last 70 days of his life) would never have existed. Nor would the autobiographical revelation of Vincent's voluminous correspondence with Theo, which supplied another biographical film, Paul Cox's 1988 Vincent: The Life and Death of Vincent van Gogh.

Theo's devotion is the film's main focus. Tim Roth's Vincent is naturalistic, meticulously studied, even resembling the self-portraits. The film, though, covers the period when the painter was retreating more and more into the privacy of madness, where (with-out the confessional of the letters) it is hard to follow him.

While Roth's Vincent is elusive, Paul Rhys's Theo is much more open and accessible. He is a gentle young man, overwhelmed by money problems, by the difficulty of keeping patience with the perverse genius, by domestic problems, by guilt over the syphilis that wrecked both brothers.

Altman's film is loving, careful, tastefully staged (designed by Altman's son Stephen; photographed with Vermeer lighting by Jean Lepine) and finally a trifle dull. The paintings are carefully reproduced and studied and cherished; but there is none of the sheer joy and excitement that Kurosawa generates in the curious little Van Gogh episode in

Perhaps it is the archetypal New European film, with its multinational production credits and cast (French, English, Dutch); its comparative modesty of means offset by thoughtful use of locations, design, script. The film's length (140 minutes) and episodic character (the first third is dominated by Vincent's affair with the prostitute Sien Hoornik; the second by Theo's concerns; the third and best by Vincent's descent to madness and death) suggest that it was designed, either sooner or later, to do double service as a

television mini-series. Back in Ireland, after the less than happy Hollywood adventures of Stars and Bars and The January Man, Pat O'Connor has adapted William Trevor's Fools of Fortune (15, Curzon, West End), which suits his taste for rural

village near the borders, between the two World Wars. Condensed into film, the story has something about it of a Victorian melodramatic novel. The political upheavals provide the pretext rather than a background for the story. A peaceful middle-class family are massacred by the Black-and-Tans. The drama is what happens in the aftermath to the only survivors, the mother (Julie Christie) and

son (lain Glen). Suspense is artificially but effectively sustained by structuring the film in flashbacks from a remote island shack where Glen is hiding out, for reasons which are only gradually revealed in the course of the film.

The film is always good looking, though swamped by an overwrought score by Hans Zimmer. O'Connor draws advantageously on the inexhaustible stock of fine Irish character actors (John Kavanagh, Frankie McCafferty, Niamh Cusack). The principals, though, suffer from lack of direction. In particular lain Glen, who possesses resources and a naked sensitivity uncommon in young British actors, is allowed to overplay uncharacteristically.

Martin Ritt's record as a radical intellectual goes back to pre-war progressive New York Theatre and includes a period under the shadow of the McCarthyist blacklist. His social conscience still intact, he doggedly continues to

Fools of Fortune is set in a celebrate America's blue-collar class in films such as The Molly Maguires, Conrack and Norma

Stanley and Iris (15, Empire 1) is set in a fictional, depressed mid-Western town. Iris (Jane Fonda) works on the production line of a bakery where Stanley (Robert de Niro) serves in the canteen. Iris is a recent widow, struggling to keep together a household that includes her small son, her unwelcomely pregnant daughter and her sister, battling miserably with a workless husband. Yet Iris still has spirit enough to take on Stanley's problcm, which is illiteracy.

he film is open pam-phleteering for the 20 per cent of the US population which is illiierate. De Niro, recently seen at his worst in We're No Angels, gives a diligently studied performance, catching the wretchedness and embarrassment of an intelligent, personable man unable to read street signs or apply for a driver's licence. Playing a working woman, Jane Fonda displays a somewhat self-conscious sense of mission.

Harriet Frank and Irving Ravetch, who have written some of Ritt's best scripts (The Long Hot Summer, Hud, Norma Rae) let him down here, with contrivances of plot and sentiment gravely at odds with the realist and propagandist intentions.

Scripted and directed - with enthusiasm, at least - by Richard Marum, Limit Up (12, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street) is one of those bright ideas that should have been abandoned at an early stage. Again, the setting is realistic, the "soybean pit" of the Chicago grain market. Over-perky Nancy Allen battles to become a trader in the pit (in real life there is just one such female trader), against the resistance of deep-rooted male chauvinism.

The bad idea is to make it a Faust story, with a black female Mephistophiles (Danitra Vance). From bad it goes to worse, with an ending in which everyone changes character to ensure a heart-warming fade-out that seems far from the realities of the milieu.

The first moral lesson of Revenge (18, Odeon Leicester Square) is to beware of making friends with murderous Mexican power-brokers. The second is that, once that mistake is made, it is better not to commit adultery with

Kevin Costner, as a clean-cut Vietnam veteran and retired Navy pilot, commits both errors, and lands everyone in a great deal of trouble, not least the audience called upon to sit through two hours of over-heated Mexican melodrama.

The script, based on a novella by Jim Harrison, who co-wrote the film with Jeffrey Fiskin, is the kind that takes characters off the shelf, uses them for the odd scene and then forgets them. It is directed by Tony Scott (who had better luck at the box office with Top Gun and Beverly Hills Cop II), with an air that no expense has been spared. The monolithic Anthony Quinn (who, incidentally, was Gauguin to Kirk Douglas's Van Gogh in Lust for Life, 34 years ago) emerges with most credit from the affair.

The Fourth War (15, Cannons Shaftesbury Avenue, Panton Street) is an antiquated Cold War fable, directed by John Frankenheimer, again from a novel, by Stephen Peters. Two confronting border posts between West Germany and Czechoslovakia are commanded by a hawkish Vietnam veteran (Roy Scheider) and a Soviet colonel with brutal ways and very nasty looks (Jurgen Prochnow). This demented couple take to making destructive sorties across the border. Attempts at comic relief -

Scheider singing a bawdy cockney soldiers' song or teaching young Russian hostages to sing "Happy Birthday to You" - merely add to the absurdity of the proceedings. The detached, sardonic sanity of Harry Dean Stanton as GOC

provides some consolation. Stanton has the best line in the picture, borrowed from Albert Einstein: "I do not know with what weapons the Third World War will be fought; but the Fourth will be fought with stones." Reviews of Peter Yates's thriller

about a man wrongfully imprisoned. An Innocest Man (18. Odeon West End) and Robert M. Young's recreation of the true story of a Greek prize-fighter in Auschwitz, Triumph of the Spirit (15, Odeon Mezzanine) will be included in next week's column.



# Miraculous in itself?

Staging new plays in the West End is a risky business; Michael Frayn's Look Look closed in May at the Aldwych after less than a month's run. The proportion of flops among West End musicals is even greater. Earlier this year, Trevor Nunn's latest production, The Baker's Wife, closed after only six weeks, with losses running into millions of pounds. More recently, veteran producer Harold Fielding had to go into liquidation after the failure of the Petula Clark musical Someone Like You, which closed after five weeks. The £3 million musical King was closed by its Swiss producers after the show opened to frosty reviews.

Undaunted, the businessman turned-producer William Fonfé this week launches Bernadette, a new musical based on the story of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. He is convinced that he has a hit on his hands. At the moment, he is in a minority.

"Musicals have got themselves in a rut; they are not relying on the music any more, whereas we have 27 individual song numbers," says Fonfe. "And although Bernadette is the title role, she is not the main part, she is really just the catalyst. Dramatically, that has worked in the past; in Jesus Christ Superstar it was Judas who had the strong part, not Jesus Christ." The plot concerns Bernadette

Soubirous, a young peasant girl from Lourdes who, in 1858 claimed to have had visions of a beautiful lady, later interpreted to be the Virgin Mary. A spring pears at the appropriate spot and miraculous healing is reported. But before these events give credence to Bernadette's claims, she is ridiculed and threatened with prison. There is a tearjerking sub-plot; a love story about a prostitute and a young man who is seriously ill.

Bernadette was written by a husband and wife team, Gwyn and Maureen Hughes, who teach at the Laine Theatre Arts School in Epsom and have never at-tempted such a project before. The story of their struggle to have their musical premièred in London is high drama in itself. The two met in Shrewsbury,

A musical about St Bernadette of

Lourdes opens in London tonight.

Ljubima Woods tells the story behind its creation and its

journey to West End production

Yorkshire, where Maureen was teaching English and Gwyn was a piano-tuner. Gwyn has been writng music since he was a child. After marrying in 1978, they began writing their own songs for a full-scale musical of Dickens's David Copperfield. They toured American universities, where they were given standing ovations

After a visit to Lourdes, which attracts five million pilgrims every year, they decided that the story of Bernadette was a natural for a musical. Undeterred by the rejections of numerous West End producers over the years, the Hughes persevered, resisting all temptation to stage Bernadette first in the provinces. To the astonishment of relatives and friends, they sold most of their possessions and moved south, because they were told that to do a musical in the West End they had to live near London.

About a year ago, they ap-proached William Fonfe, who had been working out of Pinewood Studios, running Willie's Wheels, a transport company providing back-up to film and television location work all over Europe and North Africa. He heard the score for Bernadette, was impressed by its quality and immediately agreed to take over the production and the financial arrangements. The main problem was, of course,

raising the money.
"In the wake of the general public's enthusiasm for small shareholders, it occurred to me that we could actually issue a prospectus ourselves, just like the

water board does," Fonfe said. It took him several months with legal advisers and accountants to form a public limited company, called Bernadette PLC, and to formulate a document that could stand up "legally, honestly and attractively" to the public. But Fonfe also knew that the only way to encourage the public to invest in a musical was to publicize the music, so some of the songs were recorded with a small orchestra and student singers. Each of the 4,000 prospectuses sent out last September was accompanied by a demo tape and, as a result, about 2,000 decided to invest in what is now billed as "The People's Musical". The minimum stake

was £100, but there is one investor

with £20,000.

The prospectus warned that the repayment of investment would depend on the show's success. But the company said that if it did prove successful, investors would get back their £100 after a 37-week run, plus a dividend. It also advised that anyone who had put £500 into the first West End production of Cats would have received £1,000 a year for the last eight years. Or could Bernadette's investors end up like the 23 "angels" of Frayn's Look Look, who are waving a collective goodbye to £250,000? The investors have contributed just over half of the £1 million necessary to stage the show. Fonfe is banking on its success by personally underwriting the rest of the money.

Shareholders are being given two weeks' advantage in booking discounts, which will guarantee some audience. But they alone will not guarantee the show's long-

At 50 per cent capacity, with a cast of 40 and a 21-strong orchestra, it should be making a healthy enough profit to survive, but pulling 1,000 paying cus-tomers for any show will be difficult to sustain over a long period. Yet the story of Bernadette may prove compelling; it may well capture the attention and fire the imagination simply on merit.

Bernadette opens tonight at 7pm at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (071-580 9562)

## **CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO**

BELBO FILMS and CENTRAL FILMS PRESENT

A FILM BY

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

LORD OF THE FLIES (Warner, PG): Next week, the new film of William Golding a table about stranded schoolboys hits town. This week, Peter Brook's old one (1963) slips out on video, it has to said it is awkward, but haunting, with some memorable child

MR NORTH (RCA/Columbia, PG): Flawed version of Thornton Wilder's whimsical novel about a personable young man in the 1920s who takes Newport, Rhode Island, society by storm. Nothing quite gels, but the cast is notable (Robert Mitchum, Lauren Bacall), and the film's disposition

PSYCH-OUT (RCA/Columbia, 18): Enjoyable mish-mash of hippie clichés, pegged to a barnacled plot about a deaf runaway (Susan Strasberg) looking for her missing brother. The awesome sights include "far-out" would be psychedelic camerawork and ed Jack Nicholson leading a a ponytailed Jac rock band, 1968.

TEX AVERY SCREWBALL CLASSICS 2 (MGM/UA, U): More raucous cartoons made in the Forties and early Fifties by the master of zany animation, including Red Hot Riding Hood, One Ham's Family and Big Heel

Undirected? Julie Christie in Pat O'Connor's Fools of Fortune

THREE SISTERS (Warner, U): Laurence Olivier, Joan Plowright and Alan Bates are among those recreating the National Theatre's 1967 production of the Chekhov play. Nobly acted, though it is far less ambitious or successful than Olivier's earlie ventures into filmed theatre. 1970.

THE FINAL TEST (Odyssey, U): This is a fragrant Terence Rattigan tale of a cricketer's last game, dingity produced, and the cast's real cricketers act like sore thumbs. It is full of interest, though, for students of Fifties British mores. With Jack Warner and Robert Morley, 1953.

THE GIRL IN A SWING (Futuristic, 18): Polished semi-erotic thriller carved from Richard Adams's wordy novel about an wife, weighed down with mysterious guilt. With Meg Tilly, Ruperi Frazer. 1989. antiques dealer and his new German

GEOFF BROWN

# Work of challenge

Robert Altman talks to John Marriott about Vincent and Theo, which is reviewed above

rarely gives cause for surprise. A respected American maverick with interests as broad as his expansive manner, he has peppered his films with his eclecticism and also changed style to suit the occasion. The bigscreen exuberance of Nashville and theatrical confinements of Streamers and Secret Honor spring from a man whose daring points accusingly at an industry stymied by dull conservatism and clip-board executives. Thus, his adoption of Vincent

van Gogh caused no one to blink. Despite the director's fascination with the artist, and his amused confession that he himself is "a recreational painter", the idea for Vincent and Theo was not his. "I was pestered by Ludi Boeken, my producer. I read the script and thought it would all be sacrosanct - you know, one of those films about a famous painter that would be uphill all the way. Even with the creative freedom that I allow myself, I didn't give in until I began to view it as a challenge."

Conceived at first as a four-hour mini-series, Vincent and Theo also became a full-scale cinema outing at Altman's insistence. The British film-makers who met Mrs Thatcher last Friday ought to heed Altman's pithy remark that "So much gets lost on the small screen. Big feelings need big presentation." His decision has led to his best American audience previews since M\*A\*S\*H.

Central to Altman's search for emotional truth is Tim Roth who, as the anxiously obsessive Van Gogh, veers capably and disturbingly from weepy introspection to sudden anger, and helps separate Vincent and Theo from those biopics which replace full characterisation with peripheral detail. Aliman, a director whose films

in themselves are often creative

discussions, couches his enthu-

siasm in a deadpan drawl; "Yeah, Tim's great, one of your most extraordinary young actors. I wanted British actors because I feel American accents interfere with an audience's understanding.

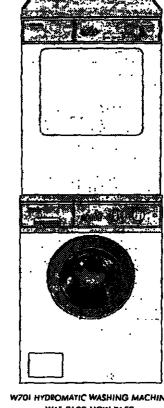
Tim gets the right intensity across. "I was, after all, making a picture about an obscure failure, not a famous painter. I was trying to show a poor guy in a room who wasn't a particularly good draughtsman and didn't choose original subjects. I wanted simplicity." Unrelated to more self-conscious film biographies Vincent and Theo homes in on "a man who was living a day-to-day life. He didn't realise the significance of what he was doing."

Unlike Roth, whom Altman cast at the eleventh hour, Paul Rhys, who brings the right mix of nervous innocence and adult concern to the role of Theo, was signed up at an early stage. "I'm delighted with Paul," Altman said "In fact, I'm always pleased with my actors. They turn up on set and I say, 'What have you got for me today? Show me and I'll film it'

"I always carry a film in my head and so reduce editing to a minimum," he offers dryly. "I never storyboard, and let the actors do all the work. I just stay out of the way and give them the freedom to become those characters.'

With a relaxed warmth which often seems at odds with his flat tones, Altman remains calm when discussing the "irrational" Italian producer who caused him to abandon Rossini, Rossini (his Felmi-style comedy about the composer) and does not deliver a one-hour sales pitch when conversation turns to LA Shortcuts, his current project. Culled from the works of Raymond Carver, it is, he believes, infused with the echoes and moods of Vincent and Theo.





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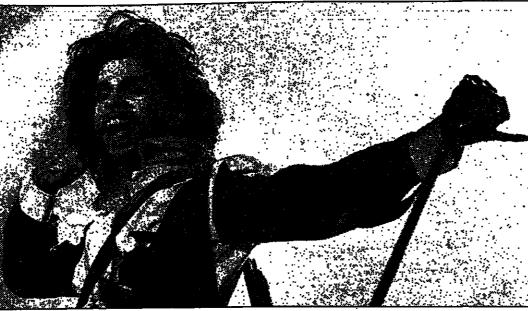
# Reign of the purple Prince

**Prince** Wembley Arena

PRINCE'S claim on rock's Man of the Eighties award was not hindered by the timely announcement of these English dates at the end of last year, when the pundits were compiling their Best of the Decade lists. Yet the air of casual triumphalism that has overtaken this visit, with its record-breaking 15-night stand at Wembley, has deflected attention from the disappointment of last year's Batman soundtrack, a nondescript affair which nevertheless gave Prince some much-needed commercial success thanks to the hype surrounding the film.

With neither the new material nor, seemingly, the will to compete with his landmark Lovesexy romp of 1988, Prince has settled this time around for a "back to hasics" stage show, checkily entitling it the Nude tour. But 'basic" for a showman such as Prince still entails a display of outrageous flamboyance. He entered and, as the walls shook to a rumbling bass resonance and 12,000 pairs of eyes struggled to pick out his slender figure amid a bombardment of flashing lights and smoke, his name was spelled out in 6ft letters.

The opening sequence segued "The Future", "1999" and "1999" and "Housequake" into a continuous 15-minute disco-funk workout,



Not-so-basic: Prince delivering his own brand of outrageous flamboyance at Wembley

reminiscent in spirit of the neo-James-Brown soul revue shows which he mounted here in 1986. Three male dancers engaged in split-second dance routines that looked at times like a hyperactive aerobics class, while Prince cavorted back and forth, his new little bush of a beard and flowing blow-dried bouffant clearly visible on the two monitor screens.

The ridiculously coquettish falsetto of "Kiss" and a speeded-up arrangement of "Alphabet St." were poorly served by a murky

boys in women's roles, but here,

and overbearing sound balance. An abridged version of "Purple Rain", replete with ringing, histrionic guitar solo, suited the conditseemed glib. The only new song, a ions better, but the bombast Question of U", was the cue for some gratuitous hanky-panky with the microphone stand, a tedious, passé routine that added nothing to the song. He pulled out all the stops for his version of "Nothing Compares 2 U", writh-

ing on top of the piano and

disappearing on top of a giant heart, but he lacked the emotive power which Sinead O'Connor has invested in the song

After "Bat Dance" there was a good half-hour of encores -including "Partyman" and a version of Otis Redding's "Respect" - and several costume changes. But for all the energy, precision and flair, there was a lingering feeling that here is an artist who, despite all the mystery and talent, may have begun to mark time.

DAVID SINCLAIR

### THEATRE Twelfth Night Holland Park

THE elegant canopy that shelters the Holland Park Open Air Theatre seems to have been erected directly in the flight path of London's low-flying pigeon squadron. Fortunately, the fizz on stage is such that the aeronautics merely add to the enjoyment of a refreshing, if flawed, production.

Peter Benedict has set the play in a Thirties film studio, with Orsino (Mark Greenstreet) a noisy, narcissistic director, and Olivia (Rowena Mohr) a vampish prima donna with a gaze that smoulders more than her torn-silk voice. It is not always clear what some of the other characters are doing in "Illyria Studios", but a vague equation between misleading affectations and the shamglam world of Hollywood prevents the setting from seeming

utterly gratuitous. More controversially, the part of Viola (the young shipwreckee who disguises herself as a man) is played by a male actor (William Conacher), who also plays her twin brother. Shakespeare did use

TELEVISION

HAVING created the perfect par-

ody of a literary lecture some 20

years ago in a classic school play called 40 Years On, Alan Bennett

now finds himself trying to give a

whole series of real ones without

provoking too many irreverent

titters from the back of the

viewing class. True, Tony Cash's films for Poetry in Motion (Chan-

nel 4) do look uneasily like an

early mockery of the Open

University, with a single, under-

budgeted camera desperate to

photograph anything ever men-

tioned by a poet. Last night we got

lingering shots of the buffet at

Baker Street tube station to illus-

trate John Betjeman in Metro-

land, presumably because Cash

had been unable to afford even

the repeat rights of the super-

instead of adding an extra frisson of irony to Viola's situation, the use of a man detracts from its inherent pathos and comedy. As a woman, "she" drawls like a camp viper in drag. In her male gnise Viola is still more coy, effetely slouching across the stage. A oneactor Viola/Sebastian may be symbolically right-on, but dramat-

ically it is disastrous, replacing

poignancy with confusion. The heart of the production is suspect, then, but Dominic Grav's bespectacled Feste, with a mixture of modesty and tomfoolery as convincing as his soft-shoe shuffle, proves an effective pacemaker. On its outskirts, the production is meticulously polished and exuberantly convincing. Gregory Cox endows Sir Toby with a roguishness which is well matched by George Pensotti's Sir Andrew, a wilting pansy with just enough sap left in him to trip out a Charleston, while Peter Benedict's sulphuric Malvolio scowls as if engaged in

an unending hunt for laxatives. Admittedly, a sticky layer of ingenuity obscures much that is significant in the play, but this is not a pretentious production. Rather, it is a cheeky one, and thoroughly enjoyable for being so. MICHAEL WRIGHT

lative documentary of that title.

Motion is Bennett himself, the

non-poet in no motion but sta-

tioned behind a lectern from

where he issues random domestic

sketches of the famously poetic

dead. Thus far, we have had

A.E. Housman descended from a

long line of maiden aunts and

Thomas Hardy demanding a wife

who would do the buttering up as

Bennett's Betjeman was a

delightful radio gossip, inad-equately photographed. He noted Betjeman's parentage of Victoria

Wood and Barry Humphries but

forgot his own quite brilliant 1960s mockeries of the Laureate.

He did recall the memorable

occasion when Sir John went to a

David Cecil lecture on the Plea-

sures of Reading, convinced it

would be an architectural survey

well as the washing up.

But at the heart of Poetry in

## DANCE Cumbre Flamenca Sadler's Wells

MUCH of the fervour of flamenco courses through the programme brought by the small but highly distinctive Andalucian troupe whose third London season in two years had early morning queues for tickets before the opening performance. All five dancers and certainly some of the eight musicians (singers and guitarists) have been on one or other of the previous visits, and between them they generated an energetic, infectious exuberance.

The format is as before, with traditional costumes on a stage bare except for chairs and microphones for the musicians at the back, and only a lighting design (Felipe Rodriguez) to colour the mood in each number. The troupe come together at the beginning and end of the first part, and for a iubilant final bulerias which lights up their features.

Otherwise a scowl or a grimace is often the predominant expression as each dancer in turn presents a particular dance best suited to him or her. For the

of the Berkshire city. I suppose we

were lucky not to get a close-up

of Joan Hunter-Dunn's tennis

If Poetry in Motion is singularly

under-photographed, last night's BBC 1 Frontiers was equally des-

perately over-written. A Mexican-

American writer, Richard Rod-

riguez, took us from Tijuana over

the frontier to San Diego by way of

Pseuds' Corner, in an archly self-

conscious script which solemnly

described a waitress shuffling

scrambled eggs over a breakfast counter as "the priestess of the

short order, administering all the

Suspended between two cul-

tures, caught between memory and desire (you supply the cliche

and I'll get the immigrant crowd

shots), this was a frontier which

closed almost as soon as it opened,

if only because its makers could

consolations of America".

intoxicating La Chana, some way past her first youth, it is the passionate alegrias, elaborate patterns of intricate, rattling footwork as the dance takes increasing possession of her rhythmically transformed limbs and body and,

one imagines, her soul.

The loose-limbed, sometimes almost ungainly steps of Juana Amaya contrast with the severe dignity of Angela Granados, whose two metres of trailing flounces encircle a centre of bodily calm and intense feeling.

Of the two men, the taller Antonio Canales preserves a physical elegance to mask his strength of movement, but the dynamic Cristobal Reyes of the flashing eyes and striking feet now seems to have become more concerned with effect than content.

Did memory play false, or was the music more sentimentalised than their first visit here? Certainly the guitars and some of the vocalising were rooted in strophic folk-ballad more often than the microtonal ululations of cante iondo, but the expertise and instinct for rhythm never failed. They are full partners with the dancers, cajoling them into a vigorous reciprocity that gives the entertainment its tautness of style.

NOÈL GOODWIN

not remember why it had been there in the first place. Instead of examining border

territory, or looking at how a frontier divides the people who live on it as well as those who live across it, the producer Gerry Troyna merely allowed Rodriguez to wander aimlessly around Los Angeles, gawping at Britt Ekland and Cubby Broccoli, only occasionally dragging himself back to some sort of vague thesis about Mexicans in a California that once was theirs by geographic right.

As a personal road-movie travelogue, it had a kind of aimless, sun-baked curiosity; but what the film was doing in a hitherto tightly framed and cogently argued series remains unexplained. I have seen Mexican wrought-iron screens rather less wrought than the writing here.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

### CINEMA GUIDE

THE INTRUDER: Roger Corman's punchy drama from 1961 about a racist (William Shatner) strong up trouble down South Plus Welles's masterly Touch of Evil both in new prints. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647). across the country.

Miss FIRECRACKER (PG): Engaging version of Beth Henley's play about a fets Missiour miss (Holly Hurrier) determined the inter the local talent contest. With Mary Steenburgen, Tim Robbins Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6544/5) Swiss Cortage (071-722 5905).

MUSIC BOX (15): Costa-Gavras's HARD TO KILL (18): Steven Seagal as a cop emerging from a seven-year coma to avenge himself on his assalants. Lacklaste action lare, with Kelly Le Brock. Cannon Partton Street (071-830 0631)
Whiteleys (071-792 3303) anguished, absorbing drama about criminal attorney (Jessica Lange) detending her father from accusals

◆ THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (18): Harry Alan Towers a tedious variatio Gaston Leroux's story with Robert England as a mamacal Phantom Gestion Leroux a area, England as a manascal Phantom England as a manascal Phantom Cannons: Chelsaa (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Phance Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). as writer, director and star). Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999). SKI PATROL (PG): Tiresomely broad shenanigans at the Snowy Peaks Lodge, from the producer of the *Police Academy*

senes, with Roger Rose, Martin Mul. Cannons: Haymerket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310). A TALE OF SPRINGTIME (U): Eric

ised deight. ised Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière

TREASURE ISLAND (PG): An old son, Fraser, with Heston serior as Long John Silver, Christian Bale as Jim lad, and a roisienng cast of British slatwarts. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Hay 839 1527) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

### CURRENT

**NEW RELEASES** 

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tomatore's nostalgo tale of a small Sicilian cinema, an appealing salute to the movies Curzons: Maytair (071-465 8865) Phoenib (071-240 9661) Screen on the Green (071-226

OLEAN AND SOBER (15): Aggressively bleak portrait of the difficult breaking a cocasine habit, with Michael weaving a cocarrie nabri, with Michael Keston as an estale agent, made in 1988. Director, Glerm Gordon Caron Cannon Cheisea (071-352 5096) Warner

CREATOR (15): Frustrating black comedy-romance, saved from its muddle by Peter O'Toole — deligniful as a mutty scentist living to bring his dead wife to life. Directed by Ivan Passer in 1985.

Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 5111).

DIAMOND SKULLS (18): Gutsy rate of the anstocratic fast set, with Gabriel Byrne as a jealous businessman involved in a fatal car accident. Amanda Donohoe, Michael Hordem; director, Nichotas Broomheid. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaffesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

Ayokbourn's actimptly lunny sensors-comedy, directed by the author Whashalf Theatre, Whitehalf, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground Charring Cross. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4 30pm Running time: 2tms 25mms, Booking to

IJ BEACHED: Revival of Kevin Hood's gutsy and fouching play. The performances by Leone Mellinger and fan Tergett as the fugitives on an Essex shore. Old Red Lion, 418 St. John Street, ECT (071-837 7816). Underground: Angel. Tues-Sun, Bpm Running time 2ths Lind June 30

■ BURN THIS: John Malkowich is eve-catching but mannered as the write force in Lanford Wison's American corredy Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (071-722 9001). Underground. Swiss Cottage. Non-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Punning Ime: 2hrs 55mms.

CORIOLANUS: Charles Dance and a

magnificent Barbara Jefford illuminate the childhood of tascism.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (771-538 8991). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/Si Paul's. Tonight, 7 30pm. mat today, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs. in repertory.

mu THE CHUCIBLE: Tom Waterson stands up for decency agenst a trantic Clare Holman and other Demons in a strongly cast production. National Theatre (Okvier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928/2252) Underground/SR-Waterloo Tonight-Sat, 7 15pm, mats today and Sat. 2pm. Fluming time: 3hrs 30mins, in reportory.

■ THE DUCHESS OF MALFI: Harrie! Walter a movingly erotic victim in Webster's murky horrorshow.
The Pit, Barboan Centre (as above).

Tonight, 7 30pm, mat today, 2pm. Running time. 3hrs 15mms in repertory.

D HENRY IV: Sound production of Prandello's masterwork. Richard Hams effective as the man who must pretend to

be emperor
Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2
(071-867 1116) Underground Lexcester
Square Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm
and Sal, 4pm Running time 2tes 20mms
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HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal

Lices Service revival of Doug Lucie's piecong saine on edvertising ethics. Theyde, 269 Kiburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground Kiburn, Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, Running time. 2hrs 30mne. Ends Saturday.

THE CRUCIPI F: Tom Williams

ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR:

Geoff Brown's assessment of films In London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release

DREAMS (PG): Alura Kurosawa's fantasia on themes of violence, ecology, and the artist's urge to create uneven, a rouch naive, but a visual least Gate (071-727 4043) Renoir (071-837

♦ HARLEM NIGHTS (15): Tired, vulgar The manufacture of the street of the second tries about a nightculo threatened by a corrupt come boss, an unappetizing vehicle for Eddie Murphy (ambitiously serving)

♦ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submar commander trying to defect. Ponderous Cennons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497

◆ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard ♠ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard Gere and Andy Garca as Los Angeles on sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thinter. Cannon Fullham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whitaleys (071-792 2904-9939)

◆ JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Grating, unsympathetic action fodder from di Walter Hij, with Mickey Rourke as a commai who plans a doublefollowing plastic surgery. With Ellen Bar Cannon Partion Street (071-830 0631).

♦ THE KRAYS (18): Broading, bloody drama about the rise and laft of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) West End (071-930 5252/7615).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infantile comedy about an unmarned right about the talking baby, John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Bruce Wills's voice.

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MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark absession with his neighbour, a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for connecties. Barbican (071-638 8891) Curzon West End (071-639 4805) Screen on the HBI (071-635 3986).

◆ NOTEBOOK ON CITIES AND CLOTHES (U): Wim Wenders's imfalling dary film about the Japensee fastion designer, Yolly Yamamoto, preparing a Paris show; for

▲ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric kile and Robbie Coltrane shettering as runs in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and lunous drag comedy, amed at fanciers of the

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♦ THE PACKAGE (15): Modest thriles ▼ TITE PALANTAE (15); Modest thrile:
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American and Soviet leaders. With Tommy Les Jones, Joanna Cassidy Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111)

♦ THE PUNISHER (18): Routine thruggery, based on the Marvel Comics character Dolph Lundgren as a former Chandris: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) \*
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◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly
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◆ THE WITCHES (PG): Roald Dah!'s lake ♦ THE WITCHES (PG): Hoad belt is all of whiches a learning to turn children into mice, pleasantly adapted and vigorously acted (especially by Amelica Huston). Camona Parkway (071-267 7034). Camonas: Fullharm Road (071-370 2636). Shattesbury Avenue (071-836 8661). Minema (071-235 4225). Whitteleys (071-792-203/3/234).

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EVERYMAN (071-435 1525) Kurosawa's Ran and The Hidden Fortress. NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (071-928) Carol Reed double bill: An Oulcast of inds, The Fallen Idol.

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Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Underground Charing Cross. Mon-Fr., 7.45pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mats (from June 20) Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Running time. 2hrs. 15mms ☐ THE ILLUSION: Over clever but

The ILLUS and the comedy Strong cast headed by Sign Thomas and Phelim McDermott.
Clid Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928)
7616). Underground/BR: Waterloo, Mon-Fr 7.30pm, Sat, 7.45pm, mais Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, Area Personant Inter. The Affertice

and Sal, 4pm. Running time: This 45mms. Ends ☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Tom Contras the drunk-about-town column locked overnight in his local. A great show if you're happy in the company of drunks. Apolio. Sharfesbury Avenue, Wil (971-437 2863), Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri,

time: 2hrs 20mins, Ends July 28. MAN OF THE MOMENT: Masterly hersh comedy by Ayckbourn, good me on the Costa del Sol, with Michael

Cambon, Peter Bowles.
Globe Theatre, Shaftasbury Avenue, W1
(071-437 3667), Underground Piccadilly Circus.
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Boolang to Aug 18. ☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN

☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: Hit rock 'n' roll show, tacky but joly. Inexpicable winner of Best Musecal award. Cambridge Theatre, Seven Diels, WC2 (071-379 5299). Underground: Leicester Square Mon-Thurs, Bom, Fn and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fn and Sat, Spin. Running time: 2ms 30mins, Booking to Sept 29.

☐ ROMEO AND JULIET: Hull Truck's ☐ ROMEO AND JULIET: Hull Truck's patronsing production, aims at an auchence assumed to know nothing of the Bard and unlikely now to want any more. A good nurse from Clare Benedict.

Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (071:388 1:394). Underground/BR King's Cross/Euston. Mon-Sat. 7 30pm. mat Wed, 1 45pm Rumning time: 3hrs 5mins Until June 30.

☐ SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthome, Jane Lapotaire in touching play about C S Lewis's Indian Summer love. Queen's Theatre, Shalfesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1166/071-439 3849)

Underground: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4 30pm Running time: 2hrs 40mms, Booking to July 28.

☐ SHIRLEY VALENTINE: Bizabeth Estenson as Willy Russell's domestic causins as way reasons comesic worm turning into a Greek rymph.

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Peter Hall production with Alex Jennings in top

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Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-836 2294). Underground: Totlenham Court Road, Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mater Thurs and

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Auswers from page 22 GOFFER

(c) A mineral water, in nautical slang, especially Royal Naval, ex a trade name Goffa, hence a man selling mineral water or lemonade on board ship; a goffer firm is the lower-deck term for a ship's "firm" making a bit on the side from selling lemonade.

(a) The South American fox-wolf, a kind of skunk, or its fur once it has been removed from it, from zorro the Spanish for fox: "As to habits they vary considerably in my zorros." JACANA

(b) A long-toed swamp-bird of the tropics, of the genus Parra or the whole family Parridae, consisting of grallatorial aquatic birds, having enormous straight claws, which enable them to walk on the floating leaves of aquatic plants without sinking.

CUTCHA (c) Makeshift, made of dried mud, built with provisional and amateur materials, from the Hindi kachcha raw: "Where they cannot get a pukkha railway they take a cutcha one instead."

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A.M Caetax 8.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer 8.55 Regional news and weather 9,00 Naws and weather followed by The Travel Show Guides. Pros and cons of the Atlantic coast of France (r).

(Ceefax) 9.35 Play Tennis. Coaching for

beginners (1) ws and weather followed by The Reccoons. Cartoon 10.25 Playdays from Llanuwchilyn, North Wales (r) 10.50 Cricket: Second Test. Tony Lewis introduces the opening session of the first day's play in the second Test between England and New Zealand at Lord's Includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00. 12.55 Regional news

and weather 1.08 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours.

(Ceetax)
1.50 Cricket and Royal Ascot. Further coverage of the first day's play at Lord's, introduced by Tony Lewis; Julian Wilson is at Royal Ascot for five coverage of the 2.30, 3.05 and 3.45 (Gold Cup) races. The 4.20 is covered

on BBC2 4,00 Dipstick. Salty Taylor presents car care tips for the complete beginner. Today she looks at basic weekly checks that can keep the engine running smoothly

4.10 Happy Families (r) 4.25 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r) 4.30 Around the World with Willy Fog

**BBC 2** 

from a hobby 9.25 Maths: probability 9.40 Technology 10.00 Fighting drug abuse 10.10 Management

sment 10.40 The life of a

young Tunislan 11.00 The Spanish Armada 11.20 A-level economics

farming in Uzbekistan 12.25 Child

labour 12.50 For science teachers 1.20

New Zealand. Live coverage from Lord's

The 4.20 race at Ascot; further coverage

of the first day's play in the second Test at Lord's between England and

Pilkington Glass ladies' championship

news from the dressing rooms and the

marketing men plan to muscle in on their

New Zealand; and action from the

from Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

7.05 On the Line presented by Sally Jones. Ray Stubbs reports from the

World Cup in Sardinia with the lai

terraces: there is an item on how

rivals at top sporting events; and technology in cricket — is the game going to be caught out by the

Factor. Second in a series of interviews

Moss Kanter from the Harvard Business

decade management attitudes will have

with the business guru Dr Rosabeth

School. She says that over the next

flexible. Wales: Gardening Together

to become more humane and

changes?
7.35 Business Matters: The Human

minster Live 3.50 News, regional

11.40 Sex education 12.05 Col

Mr Benn 1.40 Chinese music

2.00 News and weather followed by

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3.00 News and weather followed by

4.00 Royal Ascot, Cricket and Tennis.

Watch. Beach combing 2.15 Cricket: Second Test. England v

6.45 Open University: Facts Don't Speak

for Themselves. Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

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9.00 Daytime on Two: making a living

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. In the last programme of the 32nd senes the team reveal the destination of their summer expedition. (Ceetax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey, Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines.

Northern ireland: Neighbours

7.00 EastEnders. More overheated dramas from embattled Albert Square.

Desmond Lyment: World Cup action (7.30cm)

7.30 World Cup Grandstand. Group F has seen four draws and only four goals. The upshot is that all four countries, including England and the Republic of Ireland, have identical records. Unless someone can break the pattern tonight, the teams that proceed to stage two may have to be decided by lot. That prospect alone should be a spur to more

8.00 City Lights. Lively comedy series

embitions (r). (Ceelax)

8.30 A Tale from the Riverbank.

from Scotland starring Gerard Kel bank clerk with frustrated literary

Turned 45, afraid that "one of

these days the BBC won't call" and

Confessing his disenchantment with

Floyd decides to buy a country pub

bank manager and accountant and

discouraging statistics (one in three

publicans goes broke in the first three years), the project roars ahead.

in top form: flamboyerst Keith Floyd (8.30pm)

ously ententaining film which proves that if the BBC really has had enough of Floyd, it wants its head

ned. Talking to the cameramar

and inviting the producer to bleep out

his expletives, the subject is in top form. Advised by the actor and fellow

down on the drink, he opens a bottle of

wine and chooses a glass big enough to hold at least half of it. With a

small band of helpers, Floyd has six weeks to rip out the ghastly 1960s décor

and knock the pub into shape for its Bastille Day opening. David Davis, the

pub owner Michael Elphick to cut

The cameras are on hand for a

elevision fame, the flamboyant Keith

in Devon, Descrite the scenticism of his

adventurous play. After their encouraging display against the Netherlands, England should be able to break down Egypt, although the Egyptians are skilful and wall-drilled and proving difficult to best. The Republic's boisterous, hoof the ball-up the field style has unsettled many a more talented side, even if it does not produce many goals. The Dutch have yet to live up to their billing as one of the tournament favouriles. The Irish must be hoping there is no sudden change tonight. The England-Egypt game comes live from Cagliari, and there are highlights of the Republic's match in Palermo. Northern Ireland; Republic of Ireland v Netherlands

10.00 News with Martyn Lewis, Regional news and weather 10.30 Victoria Wood: The Library. Another stab at the half-hour sitcom format with the talented Wood doubling as writer and star. It is the story of Vic and Rick, who seem the nect couple until an accidental blood penect course unit mother and test reveals they are mother and son. Today is their wedding anni (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 11.00 Question Time. Peter Sissons's

guests are Lady Antonia Fraser, Shirtey Williams and MPs Nigel Lawson and 12.00 Royal Ascot, Highlights of Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot, with Europe's most

valuable stayers' race - the Gold Cup 12.25am Weather. Northern Ireland: Victoria Wood 12.55am Close

veteran voice of Children's Hour, delivers a sceptical narration from the viewboint of the local ducks (r) 9.00 The Travel Show. The wee magazine, presented by Penny Junor, that offers warts and all advice to prospective holidaymakers. Tonight's report comes from Marienbad, the Czechoslovakia. The UK Mini Guide goes to Fowey in Cornwal 9.30 Under the Sun: Energies.

 Departing from its examinations of ancient tribes, the anthropological series comes up with the subject that belongs squarely to the 20th century There have been many attempts, not least in television documentary, to explore the Arab-Israeli conflict including its Palestinian aspect. Geoff Duniop's film tries a different perspective by emphasising cultural rather than political roots. He concentrates on four individuals. Two are Israelis, although they were born in Morocco where Jews and Muslims have lived together in relative harmony. Their move to isreel helps Dunion to make the point that the with European Jews enjoying a much higher status in society than "orientals". Dunlop's choice of Palestinians raises further contradictions. One is the Anglican archdeacon of Jerusalem, an Israeli citizen but a Palestinian nationalist

leading a minority within a minority 10.20 10 x 10: Hi-Diddle-Dee-Dee. A dayin the life of a resting actor on the verge of his first big break 10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy

11.15 Cricket: Second Test. Highlights of the first day's play between England land at Lord's

11.55 Weather 12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes. Ends at 12:10am

ITV LONDON

6,00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lonaine Kelly. With news at 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Clare Rayner's

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problem post bag 9.55 Chain Letters. Alian Stewart challenges more contestants to play the superchain 9.55 Thames News and

10.00 Out of This World. American comedy about a teenage girl with an ellen father

10.30 This Morning. Magazine ceries presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes features on health, sport and consumer rights. With national and nternational news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national

12.05 The Riddlers (r) 12.25 Home and Away. Australian scap about the Fletchers and their five foster children 12.55 Thames News and

1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

1,20 Daytime Green: The Green Life Guide, Environment series in which Dilly Barlow and Alistair MacDonald investigate the water we drink, the food we eat and the air that we breathe 1.50 A Country Practice. Drama set in

2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond takes her weekly look behind the scenes of independent television 2.50 Connections, Quiz game 3.15 News headines 3.20 Thames News 3.25 World Cup 90. Belgium v Spain.
Nick Owen presents live coverage of the last first-round match for group E. Belgium, who are always impressive in the final stages of this tournament, take on Spain who, despite the high standard of their club tootball, tend not to fulfil their promise in big matches. The other match this afternoon is between Uruquay and the team which has become the whipping boy of the group, South Korea, Ian St John and Alan Parry provide the usual droil

commentary 5.55 News with Flona Armstrong.

5.15 Home and Away (r) 6.49 Thames News and weather 7.00 Emmerdale. The continuing saga of Yorkshire farming folk. (Oracle)

7.30 The Bill: Scores. Hard hitting police drama. Frank Burnside, the detective you love to hate, comes under pressure when a big-time villain wife arrive on the Sun Hill patch. Starring Christopher Ellison and Terry Cowling. (Oracle) 8.00 Film: Sea Wolves (1980) starring

Roger Moore, Gregory Peck, David Niven and Trevor Howard. Second world war adventure about a group of ageing Brits in the Portuguese colony of Goa who discover that the Germans have developed a sophisticated spying operation. T special troops are called in to do something about it without causing a diplomatic incident. Good fun and lots of action but Moore has trouble shaking off his James Bond act while Peck struggles with his English accent. Directed by Andrew V. McLagten

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall, Weather, 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.35 This Week: The Star of David and the Swastika. A disturbing report on the anti-Semitism that is sweeping Europe and may have reached Britain. includes an interview with the right wing French politician Jean-Marie Le

11.05 World Cup 90. Highlights of the elfimportant England v Egypt and the Republic of Ireland v The Netherlands matches. Ecypt provedwith their pre-tournament win over Scotland and their convincing draws with the European champions the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland, that they far being being the veights of group F. It is the night of truth for all four teams with at least one having to take an early exit from the competition. Presented by Nick Owen with analysis from Brian Moore, Trevor Francis, John Helm and Ren Atkinson

12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Heavyweight plots and lightweight acting from the Wentworth Detention Centre for Women

1.00 A Problem Aired, Late-night emotional problem solving. Viewers encouraged to speak to one of the resident therapists

1.30 Film: Three Men To Kit (1980)

starring Alain Delon and Dalile Di Lazzaro. A man goes to help a wounded stranger on a lonely road. He soon becomes the tarnet for a strange organisation, but does not know why. Directed by Jacques Deray, who has made a speciality of Delon

3.30 Sedrock. Hatfield and the North in CONCERT

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

## **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Film images set to music. 6.20 Business Daily

6.30 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools

12.00 The Parliament Programme. Recorts from Wes nater introduced by

Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service introduced by Greg Wood 1.00 Sesame Street, Pre-school

educational series. The muppets have more fun with guest star Carly Simon 2.00 Time to Talk. Lesley Judd talks to the Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, who came to Gritain in 1936 as a refugee from the Nazis and became the first. Chief Rabbi to be elevated to the

peerage, about his life and faith
2.30 Film: Nazi Agent (1942, b/w)
starring Conrad Veldt. Pedestrias
Second World War drama about twins - one a naturalised American, the other a Nazi German Consul who blackmalls his brother into spying for the Reich. Jules Dassin directs his first full-length feature 4.05 Film: Letter from Wales (1961). A

British Rail documentary in which actor Donald Houston recalls the trains of his Welsh childhood. Directed by Tony Thompson 4.30 Fifteen-to-One, Television's

toughest quiz show, hosted by William 5.00 The Horse in Scort: Rodeo. The first

rs, Har

cowboy, one of the great American heroes, and radeo riding, the sport of the cowboy, with bareback riding, team roping and bull riding (r)

6.00 Things to Come. Innovative, tongue in-cheek series exploring visions of the future presented by Malcolm Bennett and Penny Southgate

6.30 Kate and Allie: Dead Cat. Troul for Kate when, with the best of ntentions, she visits a pet shop. Stamng Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (r)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Oracle) 7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Loads More Muck and Magic. Environmentally-friendly gardening introduced by author and gardens Rebecca Pow. Today the tireless trio explore the links between organic gardening and wildlife conservation

and create a wildlife garden 8.30 My Two Dads. Average American corredy about two men who inherit a 12vear-old girl in a will made by a woman who was once a mutual close Mend 9.00 Faces of War: Schindler

First shown on ITV, Jon Blair's film deserved both its BAFTA award and its inclusion in this season of repeated documentaries. Blair could hardly have chosen a more extraordinary subject. Oskar Schindler, the inspiration Schindler's Ark, was the Sudeten German playboy who used a mixture of bribery and charm to save more than 1.000 Jews from Hitler's extermination camps. A bon viveur, womaniser, drinker and gambler, Schindler built up his wealth on the black market, established a benign concentration camp near Cracow and managed to manipulate Jews from the clutches of the SS. Blair tells the

story with the help of Schindler's



Ocker Schindler: the Jews' estration (9.00pm)

wife and mistress and some of the Jews he saved. Dirk Bogarde narrati 10.30 Film: Heavenly Puraults (1986) ring Tom Conti and He Gentie comedy about an agnostic teacher in a Glasgow comprehensive who finds himself working minor miracles after having an accident.

Directed by Charles Gormley
12.15am Film: Une Belle Fille comme Mol (1973) starring Bemadette Laforste. A sharp black comedy with Laforite playing a mass murderess who gradually convinces a guilible sociologist of her innocence. Directed by François Truffaut. Ends at 2.05

### TANK NO RADIO 3 (NO. 14) RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Jakk Bramb nisiaa 6.30 Bruno 5.00am Jako Sanon Batas 12.30pm Newbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Worth in the Attermon 5.30 News 90 6.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Philip Schofield 8.30 John Peal 10.00 Richard Stonner 12.00-2.00am

RADIO 2

PM Stereo 4.00cm Sleve Maciden 5.30 Chris Steret 7.30 Anne Robinson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11,00 Jemmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Glone Humiland, incl Recing from Royal Ascot (MW only) 4.05 Roger Wintblew, and Recing from Royal Ascot (MW only) 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Spresone and the Grumbleweads 7 Ployed Ascort (MW only) 3-Us John Lauft -7.00 Someone and the Grumbleweeds 7. Wally Whylon 9.00 Paul Jones 9.40 Herbes: Richard Digance talks about the smalls who have anspread him 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.30 Back to Square One 1.00-4.00

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# WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Acid an hour for BST.

5.00em World News 5.09 24 Hours; News
Summary 5.30 Londres Mathn 5.59 Weather
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9.30 Financial Newst; Scorle Roundup 9.45
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6.35em Open University (FM only) 1.50 Ulster Orchestra (FM only) 6.55 Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Handel, an Halvorsen (Passacaglia: Jascha Heifetz, wolin, Gregor Platigorsky, cello); Mozart (A Musical Joke, K 522: Amadeus Quartet, with Gerd Seifert and Mantred Klier, horns, Rainer Zepperitz, double bass)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Galindo (Sones de Mariachi:
Orquesta Filarmonica de la
Ciudad de México under Batiz); Weber (Hom Concertino: Lerozig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, with Hermann

varie: How Have I Grieved You?: David Branson and Andrew Davies, piano duet); Glinka (Kamamskaya: USSR SO under Svettanov)

9.35 Busoni: The planist Andrew Ball performs Schwermuth; Frohsmn; In modo antico, Op 33b; Toccata; Drei Albumbletter) 10.15 Drum Roll (FM only from 10.45): Royal Philharmonic

(Symphony No 2 in D: London Classical Players under Roger

10,45): Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Beecham performs Haydn (Symphony No 103 in E flat)
10.45-6.30pm Test Match Special (MW only): England v New Zealand, second Committel Test. Commentary on the first day's play at Lord's 1.05pm News 1.10 Moments of Glory 1.30 County Scoreboard 1.40-6.30 Commentary, incl 3.45 County Talk

10.50 Bath Camerata (FM only)

Classical Players under Hoger Normgton)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Gimka and Field. Field (Plano Concerto No 4 in E flat: New Irish CO under Fürst, with John O'Conor, piano); Gimka (Capricolo on Russian Themes: Joan Yartrough and Bohard Cowen gistnos): Field Robert Cowan, pienos): Field (Andante in C minor; Air russe

under Nigel Perrin performs
Bardos (Canterius: Popule
Meus); Bruch (Seven pertsongs, Op 71)
11.20 Concert from Bradford (FM
only): BBC Philharmonic
Orchestra under Williams, with
heek Ferobel piero, performs Orchestra under Williams, with José Feghali, piano, performs Prokoliev (Sinfonietta in A); Saint-Salins (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor); Tchalikovsky (Symphony No 3 in D "Polish")

1.00pm News (FM only)

1.05 Schubert (FM only) (Sonata in G, D 894; Kathron Sturrock, piano) (r)

under John Lubbock perform under John Lubbock performs
Tchalkovsky (Overture, The
Tempest); an Stravinsky
(Bluebard Vanation "Skeeping
Beauty"): Stravinsky
(Symphony in C)
3.00 Aldeburgh Festival 1990 (FM
only): A Tribute to Sir Lennox.
Live from the Jubilee Hall,
introduced by Michael
Berkeley. Lemnox Berkeley Berkeley, Lennox Berkeley

Betkeley, Lermox Berteley (Oboe Sonatina, Op 61: Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Julius Drake, piano; The Bells of Cordoba; So Sweet Love Seemed; Automne); Poulenc (Banalités: Herry Harfox), barilone; Julius Drake, piano); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F. K 37th Aligheten Denet Johon Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K 370: Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Andrew Watkinson, violin, Stephen Tees, viola, Shuna Wilson, cello) 3.50 With the aid of the BBC sound archives, Roger Nichols explores a range of Lennox Berkeley's musical views, expressed in broedcasts made from the 1950s orwards 4.10 Michael Berkeley (Pierce Tears for oboe and piano; Fierce Tears 2 — first performance); Lennox

Fierce Tears 2 — first performance); Lennox Berkeley (Three Greek Songs); Michael Berkeley (Blow Northern Wind; The Ragged Wood — song-cycle, Speaking Silence); Britten (Song-cycle, Tir for Tat); Lennox Berkeley (Oboe Quartet, Op 70) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only unit 6.30) 7.00 News

7.00 News 7,05 Third Ear in Chicago: John Congliano, composer-in-residence with the Chicago SO, talks to Peter Paul Nash Impoent Ear: Using Robert Layton's record collection,

musical preconceptions are corrected. The last of three correction. The last of three programmes

8.30 Scottish CO under Peter Maxwell Davies performs Beethoven (Ballet Music, Prometheus, Op 43); Maxwell Davies (Cello Concerto); Schubert (Symphony No 6 in C) (r)

Schubert (Symphony No 6 in C) (r)

9.50 Music in Our Time: Expose at Large. Works from Expose's recent visit to Sweden are introduced by James Erber. Brian Ferneyhough (La Chule d'Icare for ensemble); Richard Barrett (Nothing Elsewhere for viola solo; Essay in Radiance for ensemble); Roger Redgate (Mais en érolle for ensemble); James Erber (Fax for ensemble). All first broadcasts

11.00 Composers of the Week: Benjamin Britten (r) Benjamin Britten (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

haunted by the demon Pazuzu and aided by Pacherd Burton's pnest 4.00 Shiners (1975): A new apertment block is inveded by a sexual parasite which drives the inhabitants wild with fust. Ends at 5.30

**EUROSPORT** 

## RADIO 4 3.00 News; Against the Wind: Play by Shirley Gea. For seven

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Brighing; Weather 6.10
Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30
News 6.35, 7.55 Weather 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament 8.57
Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 No Longer Known at this
Address (LW only):

The second of Hugh Prysor-Jones's quartet of investigative documentaries about the thousands in Britain

who annually go missing and the hundreds who stay lost, concentrates today on the army of seekers and (surprisingly often) finders.
They range from the rates (now politiax) collectors who can cast their nets as wide as the United States and Paristan: the police invenile the United States and Palustan; the police juvenile protection people who nightly comb Procadilly Circus and thereabouts; the indispensible Salvation Arm; newspaper "crime busting" helptines; DHSS sleuths on the firel of toekleen tothers and those

feckless fathers; and those private eyes who, like Philip Marlowe, charge by the hour 10.00 News; The Natural History ramme with Fergus 10,45 An Act of Worship (s) 11,00 News; Critizens
11,00 News; Critizens
11,25 High Fhers (new series): David Walker meets those on the top rung of the public sector ladder. Part 1: Marianne Newtile-Rolfe, newly-appointed principal of the Civil Service College

College
11.50 First Person: Talks by firsttime broadcasters. Marion
Field remembers her
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led to her expulsion from the sect 12.00 News: You and Yours 12.25pm King Street Jumor: Comedy about educational ups and downs (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Would modern-day daughters sacrifice their lives for their tathers as Elektro once did? Kathleen Griffin examines the

tor Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 We're Coolong Now 11.25 Spain Spain Cookery 11.30 The Edge of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Stylo Fie 12.55 Great American Gameshows 2.00 Dworce Court 2.30 The Rich Also City 3.20 March 10.11 2.10 The Empirican Spain Scott

Lifestyle Plus 3.30 The Emergency Room 3.50 Challenge 4.05 Search for Tomorrow 4.35 Tea Break 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Self-a-Vision Shop-

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

• All films are followed by News and

Brethren and the events that led to her expulsion from the

the 10th Antiquanan Map Far-and there is an interview with the sograno Elizabeth Söderström, who is currently appearing at the Aldeburgh Festival (a) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weether 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Dragon Can't Dence, by Earl Dragon Can't Dance, by Earl Lovelace (8 of 10) 11.00 Lonelyheart 4122: A six-part dramatisation of Colin

Watson's story (final part)
11.30 Today in Periament
12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather
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7.00em Eighteen hours of rock and pop

THE POWER STATION



World Cup Jubilate: Franciscan monks cheer Italy's second goal against the Czechs. The monks, of the San Mauro Monastary, Sardinia, stay up to watch matches

# Thatcher hint dampens election speculation

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

election next June.

THE prime minister has given Conservative MPs a clear indication that she will decide against calling a general election early next summer.

At a private dinner she gave the first hint that she accepts it will not be possible for her to repeat her decision in the last two parliaments to call the election almost precisely after a four-year span.

Although some ministers are privately urging that Mrs Thatcher should seize what they consider to be a "window of opportunity" next June, her remarks on Tuesday night left them with the firm impression that she believes the election could be delayed until October 1991 at the earliest, and could well be in 1992. This would give her time to push through legislation reforming the community charge.

The argument within the cabinet over the desirability of primary legislation on the poll tax is showing no sign of resolution, according to informed sources yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher spoke on Tuesday night at a Commons dinner marking the 20 years in parliament of 38 Conservative MPs who were first elected in the 1970 Tory general election victory. In a passage reported yesterday by several who were present she said: "I think you can assume this parliament is

likely to be rather longer than the previous ones." They took it as a deliberate attempt to dampen speculation of an his powers are sufficient and pointing to the political haz-ards of taking a large piece of

urging caution.

legislation on the community

charge through parliament in

the run-up to the election. He

is known to have the support

of the government whips in

Mr Patten, who was heart-

ened by last week's High

Court judgement upholding

his decision to charge cap 21

councils, is pinning his hopes of staving off Mrs Thatcher's

demands for legislation on the outcome of the Appeal Court hearing, expected next Friday.

His supporters within the

committee are arguing that the

new system should be given

time to demonstrate that it

can make councils more

John MacGregor, the edu-cation secretary, is believed to

have resisted suggestions that education spending should be

taken out of local government finance as a way of cutting poll

tax bills. Ministers argue that

such a move, which would

mean increases in national taxation, would be impossible

before an election.

accountable to electors.

Sources close to the poll tax review committee confirm that the main point at issue is whether the government should take additional powers to charge cap high-spending councils. Mrs Thatcher, with some support from John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is arguing for a bill next session which would force councils determined to breach Whitehall targets first

However, Chris Patten, the environment secretary, is resisting this idea, saying that

to hold a referendum.



# **British** time stays out of step By RICHARD FORD

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is unlikely to introduce proposals to bring British clocks in line with most of the rest of Europe, after a deeply divided response to the idea from people in England and Wales and from those in Scotland.

The strong Scottish opposition to any movement towards Central European Time is understood to have persuaded ministers against in-troducing legislation, partic-ularly with the Tories' weak political position in Scotland. Opposition to a change was

shown by 90 per cent of letters and 80 per cent of signatories to petitions supporting the status quo. The response from England

and Wales showed 59 per cent of letters and 100 per cent of signatories to petitions supported moving to Central European Time, which it is said would reduce road deaths, save millions of pounds in lighting, provide more time for business between Britain and the rest of Europe and allow more evening leisure time.

There is a growing body of Peter Lloyd, a junior minopinion within the cabinet ister at the Home Office, said in a commons written answer yesterday that 26,000 out of and including Mrs Thatcher that local government will 30.867 responses to the green need radical surgery if the paper had been in the form of Conservatives win the elecsignatories to petitions.

# Ozone hole 'needs 60 years to mend'

By MICHAEL McCarthy, Environment correspondent

even if the world community acts now to phase out ozonedestroying chlorofluorcarbons CFCs), British scientists reported yesterday.

They gave this warning as officials from nearly 100 countries gathered in London for a conference that will decide the fate of the ozone layer. Chris Patten, the environment secretary, and Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme, opened the meet-

ing with pleas for the urgent strengthening of the Montreal Protocol governing CFCs, which are used in refrigerators, aerosols and industrial foams.

Scientists of the UK Stratospheric Ozone Review Group said in their 1990 report that even if the protocol target to phase out CFCs by 2000 was achieved, it would be 2050 before the chlorine level in the atmosphere returned to its normal state. In the northern hemisphere,

they said, CFCs already in the atmosphere were likely to lead loss, whatever happened. Australian and New Zealand scientists later told the conference they had discovered a 15 per cent drop in ozone during the past three years

north-east over the country during the day to be in the central

lowlands of Scotland by dusk. Some of the rain could be quite

heavy and it will become increasingly windy in the south and west. Brighter showery weather moving into the south-west by midday will reach many southern areas by dusk. Outlook:

WEATHER

ABROAD

MEDDAY: (=thunder: d=drtzzle: fg=fog: s=sun; sl=sleet: an=snow; f=fair: c=cloud; r=rain

Showery, brighter in south on Saturday.

THE vast "hole" in the ozone over Macquarie Island, 800 layer over Antarctica will not miles southeast of Tasmania return to normal for 60 years and well outside Antarctica.

The scientific concern was increased by political apprehension yesterday that India might be the obstacle on which consensus founders at the conference. The main aim of the conference is Indian and Chinese acceptance of the protocol, which has been ratified by 56 countries.

The enormous capacity of both countries for CFC use, especially through the production of millions of refigerators, could frustrate the phasing out agreed by the industrialised

The key to their joining is the establishment of an international fund to enable them to switch to the less harmful but more expensive CFCsubstitutes developed by big chemical companies.

## Political sketch

# Hallowed be thy name-calling

Forth, junior minister in the industry department, looked an unlikely lift attendant. His interrogator, Frank Haynes.
"the snarling grandpa" (Lab. Ashfield), an equally unlikely Selfridge's shopper. Mr Forth straightened his tie.

"Fourth floor. Lingerie, haberdashery, ladies' fashions and electrical goods . . ." I waited for him to continue. But no: harsh reality interrupted the reverie. Forth was telling Haynes the (selected) good news about textile exports.

As the bearer of cheer, Mr Forth remains unconvincing. Those - like Labour's Harry Ewing - who remember his backbench skinhead days find him hard to believe in the role of minister. How was it, Ewing asked, that Forth was now telling us the Royal Mail was sacrosanct, when, as a backbencher, he had agitated for privatisation?

Forth smirked. "I'm going to let the hon gentleman into a secret. A remarkable change occurs when one is translated from the backbenches ..."

It was a rare moment of good humour in a rancorous afternoon. The rancour started as the echo of prayer died away in the chamber.

Newpapermen are excluded from the religious ceremony. It is only after "Prayers for the Parliament" in which Mr Speaker's chaplain leads the MPs at 2.30 every afternoon, that we journalists are allowed in. If we were lucky, yesterday, we might just have caught the final "amen". Crowding at the oak doors, pressing our ears to hear the murmured devotions, we might just have been able to pick out the

"Almighty God, the Fountain of all Goodness ... by whom alone Kings reign and Princes decree justice ... we, thine unworthy servants ... do most humbly beseech thee to send down thy Heavenly Wisdom from above, to direct and guide us in all our consultations; and grant ... Or so I recall. "Questions to the secretary

words:

of state," the Speaker cried. All fell at each others' throats. "... that laying aside all private interests, prejudices, and partial affections . . . ' "There are a number of

"WOOLLENS, worsteds, flax unpleasant features about the hon gentleman." Junior minreferring to Labour's industry

Isosceles delays dividend

spokesman. Gordon Brown. "Discreditable," said ... the result of all our consels may be to the glory of thy blessed Name, the mainte-

Realm..."
"This arrogant little shit has not answered one question!" shouted Labour's George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley). He was talking about Mr Hogg Screams of protest rose from the Conservative.

nance of true Religion and Justice, and tranquillity of the

benches.
"He will withdraw that word immediately. And do not repeat it," said Mr Speaker, his colour rising .... the uniting and knitting together of the hearts of all persons and estates ..."

"Which word?" Foulkes shouted back: "Arrogant, little or shit?"

tle, or shit?" The last word," snapped the Speaker. .. in true Christian Love

Charity, one towards another ... Now it was Hogg's turn; "This whingeing and whining from the Opposition benches

is amusing and pathetic ..."

Further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy

Holy Name .... "Humbug!" roared Nicholas Ridley, the industry secretary. This was his opinion of the Opposition's policy towards threatened steelworks at Ravenscraig. "Humbug!"

"... and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting Life through" Jesus Christ our

Mr Speaker had the last word. Complaints were now flying thick and fast, from all sides. Unnoticed by the hotter heads, news was reaching the House that the European Court was challenging the sovereignty of Parliament itself. Amid the hurling of abuse, only a few sticklers seemed bothered about that.

Mr Speaker rose, shaking his bewigged head wearily, "Some rough things are said in this Chamber," he sighed. 'That's what it's all about."

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

## Ligachev attack on Gorbachev Continued from page 1

Moscow city party organisthe Soviet leader had any plans to step down at the party congress. He said that his offthe-cuff remarks had been misinterpreted. Although purely rhetorical,

they suggested that the ques-

tion of the general secretary- leadership. The mood of the secretariat members, comes up for renewal at the congress.

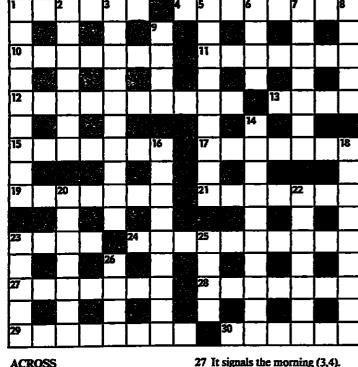
outside an extraordinary central committee meeting, which has the power to change the composition of the party in danger.

ship was on his mind. The Russian party conference was ation and known as a close ally post of general secretary, like yesterday virulently hostile to of Mr Gorbachev, denied that those of all Politburo and the current party leadershin. up to the Politburo and the This is the one forum, general secretary.

But there was no sense that President Gorbachev's position as leader of the party was

PM

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,326



1 Ancient old boy rebuffed in the

wine shop (6).

4 One who heard from Paul — for the record, he's a Scots boy (8). 10 The result of attaching too much weight to the so-called place of honour (7).

11 To fall back is a mistake by soldiers (7).12 Chow-chow? What a mess! (4,6).

13 Arch fellow (4). 15 It makes bubbles to amuse, say, 17 Concludes contracts (7).
19 Volunteers sovereigns from the

receipts (7). 21 Begin to deal with the alimentary canal (5,2).

23 It sounds like a clique in this club (4). 24 Sole dealer, as Hamlet knew Polonius to be (10).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,325

DUDLEY SPACE MAN O A NOF ROSA WAYZGOOSE YIRTI NEL SIEU REE ME

27 It signals the morning (3,4). 28 We are not without blame for smashing cherished possession

30 The rules governing sentences for an offence reported by Cus-

Bishop and legislator (8).

1 Dialect players in The Archers, perhaps? (9).

2 Digger clearing the bed (7). 3 The toiler has to hold his nose here (10). 5 This shark is nothing less than a

rotten spy (9).

6 Where else could you find such slippery people? (4).
7 One member learning to conjure

8 That's cold in Durham for a girl! 9 Arms king in France (4). 14 No treaty is amended in pen and ink, for example (10).

16 Go to the country – a trick to contain silent uprising (9). 18 Guardsman's home makes second appearance on the telly (6-3).

20 Criticised hit (7). 22 Ruling needed for admission of girl to the regiment (7). Male in Shakespearian role makes ideal picture (5).

25 Tilt horse, one of 6 (4).

26 Island Premier overturned by single band of warriors (4). Concise Crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard GOFFER a. A television assistant b. A mechanised golf bag c. A lemonade seller ZORRO

b. A Mexican bandit . The tropical acacia JACANA a. A caravansera b. A long-toed bird c. A kind of tisane CUTCHA a. A score at polo b. A native sword c. Makeshift

Answers on page 20

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HIGHEST & LOWEST GLASGOW

POLLEN COUNT The polien count for London and the South-east issued by the National Asthma Cam-paign at 10 am yesterday was 28 (low). Forecast for today, low. For the next 24 hours call National Polien and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500429 (updated at midday).

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (83F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.8 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

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\*Includes polien count.

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# Isosceles delays dividend payment

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ISOSCELES, the company that made the debt-financed £2 billion takeover of Gateway, the supermarket group, last summer, is postponing dividend payments until it completes refinancing

The cumulative preference dividend for the period to July 1, 1990, amounts to £7.8 million. Preference shareholders will receive interest of 7 per cent per annum from July until the dividend is paid

David Smith, the chief executive of Isosceles, said 85 per cent of the preference shareholders were represented on the board and they decided not to pay a dividend until they had resolved the company's funding structure. He said the group would raise between £75 million and £200 million to refinance the business. A plan will be in place before November when there is the possibility that a covenant on interest cover might be

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Isosceles said in March that it would refinance after negotiations fell through between it and Wm Low, the Scottish supermarket group, for Low to buy 81 of Gateway's northern stores for £212 million.

## **NSM up 59%**

NSM, the coal-mining and building materials group, made pre-tax profits of £26.2 million in the year to March, an increase of 59 per cent. Following a doubling in the tax charge, the final and total dividend is up 17 per cent to Tempus, page 25

Power dealings First dealings in the 12 electricity distribution companies are likely to start on December 11. The pros-pectuses should be available by late November. Investors'

cheques must be at the receiv-

### The perils of power, page 25 **H&C** in index

ing banks by December 5.

Harrisons & Crosfield has edged Cookson Group out of the FT-SE 100 index in the latest quarterly review of

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## British company from its own mistakes, receive fair and impartial treatment by the British courts," said the statement issued by Joseph Tate, his lawyer. It is only the third statement on the alleged weden Kr witzerland

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currencies. This would make

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currency. The hard ecu is

foreseen coming to play when all community currencies

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Mr Major reaffirmed the

government's commitment to

joining the ERM, but only

when its conditions are met.

Expectations of fresh guidance on the mechanism, boosted

the pound on the foreign

exchange markets. The trade-

weighted index closed 0.4

In his address to a German

Industry Forum dinner in London, the chancellor made

clear his proposal was based

on a completed stage one of

the Delors plan, when all

community currencies would

be in the mechanism. Echoing

Mrs Thatcher's view that the

community should not create

institutions that exclude the

emergent democracies of East-

sions were needed that "rake all of Europe's nations for-

ward." He restated the gov-

ernment's rejection of a

Eurofed for its lack of political

accountability, and because a

single monetary authority

would not be able to deliver

the necessary economic and

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selves, creating an inner, fast-

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The key to progress, he said,

infant ecu". The European monetary fund would act as a

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thereby presenting no threat to

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loans would be based on a

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rencies, giving the fund no

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role in setting rates.

monetary policy.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said

low inflation performance.

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higher at 90.8.

# Major unveils plan for hard European unit

THE chancellor, John Major, last night pro-posed a "hard" European currency unit parallel to European Community currencies that could become the single EC unit. The hard ecu would be

managed by a new institution, a European monetary fund, rather than the EC central bank, or "Eurofed", foreseen in the Delors plan for European monetary union and so strongly opposed by Margaret Thatcher But Mr Major's idea is not

warm endorsement of a single currency. This is seen as a possibility for the "very long term, if peoples and governments so choose". His proon an initiative last month by Dublin where monetary union is high on the agenda.

While the chancellor said lined that he would not back ing to mark supremacy. anything inconsistent with the ultimate Delors goal of a allowed to weaken when par-

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single currency and a Euroled.

the single currency question For the government, the was not a decision to be taken scheme has the attraction of now. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, retaining the Treasury's governor of the Bank of "evolutionary" approach to governor of the Bank of "evolutionary" approach to England, made clear that he monetary union, allowing the did not share the prime min- market to decide which curister's view that the decision is rency it favours. It provides not for this generation. Before for currency competition, a a Lords select committee, Mr concept launched by Nigel Leigh-Pemberton supported Lawson, the former chancelthe hard ecu plan, but under- lor, without necessarily lead-

The ecu would not be

## posal comes before next Sir Michael Butler, a former week's community summit in British ambassador to the community, fulfils the government's pledge to produce alternatives to Delors plan. ern Europe, he said conclu-

# **Conflicting signs** from money data West Germany, France, the Benelux countries and, possibly Denmark, believed they could already operate fixed exchange rates between them-

By Our Economics Correspondent

money supply data showed well above its target range.

slowed to an annual rate of 6.9 per cent last month from 7.3 per cent in April, it remained well above the chancellor's target range of 1-5 per cent. The market had expected more of a deceleration.

The government hopes that high interest rates will curb the money supply and reduce inflation, but costlier credit has probably boosted the use of cash. This lifts MO, largely notes and coins in circulation. Joe Roseman, UK econo-

mist at UBS-Phillips & Drew, said M0 remained "uncomfortably high". However, he expected it to have slowed by the end of the year to around 5 per cent growth.

Bank of England money signs of "distress borrowing".

City expectations.

an investigation by the stock

exchange into a large traded

options deal in STC executed

before the STC announce-

P&D, which bought 950 STC put options on behalf of a

By STEPHEN LEATHER

JAMES Guerin, the former deputy chair-

man of Ferranti International, has

denied he took part in a fraud against the

British desence firm. He is still refusing

to speak directly about the alleged fraud

that left Ferranti with a £215 million

assets shortfall, but yesterday he released

Mr Guerin claimed that a High Court

decision on Monday that he should pay

\$189 million to two Ferranti subsidiaries

was a "sham" designed to protect the

fraud issued by Mr Guerin, who now

It claimed that Mr Guerin's legal team

will "vigorously oppose" any effort to

collect the \$189 million and is "con-

fident we can display what a sham and

biased proceeding it was". The statement

lives in Florida.

"In our opinion, Mr Gueria did not

a statement through his lawyer.

BANK lending figures yester-supply figures showed bank day showed clear signs of the and building society lending attempts to impose rapid, economy slowing down, but up by £5.8 billion in May after an exceptionally low £3.9 MO, the sole aggregate to be a billion rise in April. The thanexists, "It is far from self-Treasury target, still rising average monthly rise for the evident to me that such past six months is £6.9 billion. convergence is to be achieved

> vice data showed total clearing bank lending to the private sector a seasonally adjusted is promoting convergence of £750 million higher last economic performance, low month, slightly up on April's inflation and stable exchange £600 million. Compared with rates "by building up the the six-month average of £2.3 billion, it was well down.

Stephen King, an economist with James Capel, agreed with the Treasury that lending data confirmed a slowdown, but said other indicators, such as industrial output, suggested a "fairly robust" economy.

Personal lending remained subdued, up by £340 million. In May last year, it rose by £603 million. Corporate borrowing continues to worry City economists. Mr King saw



Unigate's £105m bon appétit

John Clement, chairman of Unigate, the St Ivel dairy group, sees encouraging prospects in its food interests but difficulties in non-food. Pre-tax profit rose from £100.5 million to £105.5 million in the year to March, on £2.44 billion turnover (£2.36 billion). A final 9.6p payout makes 15.3p (13.9p) for the year. Tempus, page 25

# Coal lifts offer for Globe

By Graham Searjeant, FINANCIAL EDITOR

**BRITISH Coal Pension funds** yesterday sent Barclays de Zoete Wedd into the stock market with a general offer to buy enough shares to give them control of Globe Investment Trust after raising their takeover bid from 191p to

The tactic, however, failed million of the 95 million shares needed were bought by

The new bid, which values Britain's biggest investment trust at £1.11 billion, is final unless a counterbidder appears. The offer, which was pitched at Globe's opening price yesterday, was not regarded as generous in the City. But the British Coal funds have a head start, as they already own nearly 34 per cent of the shares.

David Hardie, chairman of Globe, immediately rejected the final offer and said he had been expecting more.

The new offer came on the day when the agreed takeover of the unquoted Reedpack group, which both Globe and its suitor had backed as a buyout two years ago, added 2.8p per share to Globe's worth. It values the trust's holding at £30 million, against an

original cost of £12 million and Globe's latest valuation of Globe maintained that its total value was still about 233p, the figure it claimed at

offset adverse currency effects. David Southcott of the Briteeking a satisfactory outcome ish Coal funds said that after

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# Swedes' Reedpack takeover benefits buyout backers

SEVEN executive directors, is complex, but Peter Wil-

and about a quarter of the that he expected to get about paper, packaging and office ues have risen 34 times.
supplies group, have great

Mr Williams who like cash expectations after an agreed £1 billion takeover by the Swedish forest group, Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebol-

SCA is buying out the Reedpack equity for nearly £544 million, with the rest of the deal taking up debt. to give the pension funds almost two years after Reedimmediate control. Only 26 pack was Britain's then-biggest buyout as managers and workers took the operations out of Reed International, the publisher, for £608 million.

Top managers have seen their stake improved by a management performance ratchet scheme during the unquoted company's healthy growth. So, they come out best from a deal that the City sees as SCA paying a top price for key market shares in Europe.

nearly 300 senior managers liams, managing director, said workforce who are share £5 million for his 150,000 holders at Reedpack, the shares. That means that val-Mr Williams, who like the more profit, and a sales man-

rest of Reedpack management



Williams: £5 million

John Miller, Sir Jonathan Benn, John Benson, lan Chalk, Frank Shekleton and Eric Smith.



stays in place, is joining SCA's board and plans with his shares to take an option of converting to SCA stock.

Six fellow executive directors are likely to pick up about Reedpack's share structure £2 million apiece. They are

A general manager of a plant might make £250,000 or

ager perhaps half that, said Mr Williams. About 3,000 workers will see the value of their

holding rise by close to three times. The average holding is £1,200, but some stakes are Big profits also go to City institutions behind the buyout, including the Coal Board

pension funds, 3i, Citicorp Investors, Globe Investment Trust, British Rail's pension fund and Prudential. Reed International has ac-

cepted SCA's offer for its stake, realising £94.9 million. Reedpack needed a partner to develop recycling facilities at Aylesford, Kent.

SCA is to sell its 49 per cent of Smurfit Corrugated Holdings and its 24.5 per cent of UK Corrugated to Jefferson

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# STC shares hit by

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

SHARES in STC, the ICL day, when the stock market said interim pre-tax profit and Globe's late computers and telecommuni- was rife with rumours of forecasts of £100 million were £14.6 million. computers and telecommuni- was rife with rumours of cations group, dropped 19p to difficulties at STC, is under-239p, and fell as low as 230p at stood to have sold a major one point yesterday, after it part of them at 17p yesterday. warned shareholders that its The puts, effectively a gamble that the shares will slump, first-half profits will fall below would result in a £95.000 The warning also prompted

and sold at 17p.

profit if all were bought at 7p The broker has no corporate links with STC. The Stock by UBS Phillips & Drew Exchange monitors all big

its of £114.6 million.

for the whole year despite adjusting for Reedpack and current market conditions". other matters, the new bid was

"too optimistic". Analysts promptly cut their estimates to between £80 million and £90 million. Last year STC the beginning of the month, reported interim pre-tax profisince the Reedpack profit Mr Walsh said STC "is still

share trades ahead of the

Analysis, however, marked at a discount of only 4.4 per down their full-year forecasts cent to the 214p conventional to between £230 million and calculation of Globe's net £240 million from about £270 asset value.

release of price-sensitive Arthur Walsh, the STC million, STC made 1989 prechairman and chief executive, tax profits of £278 million.

client at around 7p on Tues-Charities 'have spent' Ferranti money

Guerin to oppose \$189m repayment said the British court acted in a way that eliminates the possibility that Mr Guerin would expose Ferranti and its executives for their acts of omission and commission". It added: "This decision

should be an embarrassment to the

British courts, the British government

and the people of the United Kingdom." In 1987 Ferranti paid £420 million for International Signal & Control of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the company Mr Guerin founded. He resigned as Ferranti's deputy chairman in May last year. The High Court decision on Monday came after he refused to give details of the whereabouts of \$450 million paid out by ISC subsidiaries to five Panamanian companies as part of an

Ferranti claims that some of the missing money was diverted through Panama to Switzerland to Mr Guerin's private charity, Parent Foundation. Enquiries in Pennsylvania suggest that Ferranti has little if any chance of being able to recover any of the \$1.8 million of its money that Mr Guerin is alleged to

alleged elaborate defence contract fraud.

have handed out to charities in 1987 and 1988. Ferranti is unlikely to attempt to recover these funds. Parent paid out almost \$10 million to

charities and worthy causes in and around Lancaster, but many of the groups who received money now say it has been spent and cannot be recovered. Deidre Jacobson, executive director of the Fulton Opera House, which received \$30,000 in 1987 and 1988, said: "That money was given for specific programmes. It no longer exists." Conrad Bishop, producing director for The Independent Eye theatre, which

received \$20,000, said there was no

money left for Ferranti. "I think we could give them a lot of old lighting

instruments. We might have some bales of old newsletters around," he said. The Pennsylvania School of Art and Design used its \$20,000 donation from Parent to cover operating expenses such as leases, payroll and equipment. Robert Brummett, the school's president, said Ferranti would not be able to have its money back.

# Davy results fall short of forecasts

gineering company, has pro-duced disappointing results reflecting difficulties with its North Sea contracts.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-March were up only 4.5 per cent to £30.1 million on sales almost 26 per cent higher mechanical handling, services sales almost 26 per cent higher at £1.22 billion. Analysts had been expecting much better results, with Martin Jackson of Schroders predicting £34 million and Mark Dichlian of Barclays de Zoete Wedd expecting £35 million.

The company also caused disappointment by announcing a 6.5p final dividend, which makes the total 9p compared with 8.5p last year. Many analysts had been expecting 9.5p and the shares were quickly marked down 14p to 230p.

Sir Alistair Frame, the RTZ chairman who took over the chair at Davy in January, blamed difficulties in the group's offshore division, which recorded losses of £25.6 million, compared with £2.82 million losses last year.

Sir Alistair said the prob-

DAVY Corporation, the engineering company, has produced disappointing results the North Sea, giving rise to increased costs and delays". David Soley, chief executive of the division, left in March.

and construction and property - all turned in excellent performances, Sir Alistair

Following the acquisition of Clecim, the French process plant firm, for £43 million, paid in shares, Davy is one of the world's biggest designers and manufacturers of process plant to the metals industry, accounting for about 44 per cent of group sales.

The value of the group's forward workload increased by 13 per cent to £1.4 billion. excluding any contribution from Clecim.

Sir Alistair said: "Completion of the contract for the Emerald Field will be an important event in the current year. That apart, the current workload and the benefits arising from the acquisition of



Chips Keswick, Hambros vice-chairman for banking, flanked by Christopher Sporborg (right), vice-chairman for investments and Sir Adam Ridley, executive director, explains how Hambros beat City forecasts with a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £75.3 million in the year to end-March. The dividend was raised by 15 per cent to 11.5p a share and Hambros shares gained 2p to

# Steel profits 'underestimated

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Department of Trade months before the sale, the any "significant impact" on and Industry accepted a company forecast a 1988-89 substantial underestimate of profit of £468 million, which British Steel's likely profits turned out to be considerably when deciding its sale price, higher at £593 million. BS has the House of Commons public predicted profits for 1989-90 at about £850 million. accounts committee said. .

The likely profit, the MPs In its report on the department's handling of the sale, found, was "the most influential factor" behind the dethe committee said it was

the sale price. praised the department's han-

House of Commons com-mittee of public accounts 20th report — Department of Trade and Industry: sale of govern-ment shareholdings in British Steel plc, Stationery Office,

dling of the privatisation of

Full listing [ Leading banks 'agree Trump bailout plan' sought by marina developer

By MATTHEW BOND MARINA Developments, the USM-quoted marina developer and operator, is to apply for a full listing.

The announcement accompanied preliminary fig-ures from the group, which showed that pre-tax profits had risen 29 per cent to £5.88 million in the year to March. Net assets per share rose 19 per cent to 749p a share. A share buy-in since the yearend has incresed pro forma net assets to 762p a share.

David Heimann, chairman, says sales of residential property around the group's marinas have held up well despite the depressed nature of the housing market.

The company moved into selling waterside property following its £18.5 million acquisition of four marinas and marina villages from Dean & Dyball last July.

The company has also sold another 100 of its berths on 45-year leases at an average price of £44,000, taking total sales to 150.

A final dividend of 7p (5.5p) is being paid to give a total of 12p (7.5p) for the year, an increase of 60 per cent. Last month Robert Iliffe's private investment trust, Yattendon, acquired a 16.3

# net new investment of £191.9 million was 12 times higher. The UTA says the market surge has swelled the number of accounts. Property helps Owen

- BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Donald Trump's four leading bank creditors are reported to have worked out a tentative agreement to lend the embattled New York property developer \$65 million and to defer interest and principal payments on about \$850 million of his interest and principal payments on about \$850 million of his lenders to go along with the deal. The Japanese banks that have a large share of Trump's existing loans are regarded as central to the success of the plan.

central to the success of the plan.
The big four - Citibank, Bankers Trust, Chase Manhattan

and Manufacturers Hanover — will together contribute \$52.4 million to the rescue plan. Two other American banks will provide \$7.5 million. National Westminister, which is also heavily exposed to Trump, , may provide about \$5 million.

A SURGE in stock market DIRECTORS of Mountview

Unit trusts'

values added £3.8 billion, or

unit trusts last month, taking them to their highest figure

this year. Unit trust groups

now manage funds worth

£57 billion. Gross sales were

13 per cent up on April, and

per cent, to the value of

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Estates, the property dealing

company, are recommend-

ing an increase in total

dividend payments despite a

fall in pre-tax profits. A final dividend of 7.5p a share gives a total of 11.5p (9.5p) for the year. Pre-tax profits

in the year to March fell by

23 per cent to £8.95 million

on turnover of £13.7 million.

Operating profits were £9.36

OWEN & Robinson, the jeweller, made pre-tax profits of £1 million for the year to January 1990, up from £816,000 for the eight months to January 1989, after a change in year-en Pre-tax pro forma profits for the 12 months to January 1989 were £452,000. The company would have reported a £580,000 loss in 1989-90 if it had not been for property and rental profits of £2.33 million (£75,000 for the eight months).

Gross profit fell from £2.29 million in the eight months to

£1.09 million last year. Earnings fell from 2.42p to 1.59p and the dividend of 0.5p is down from 1.5p last year. The shares were unchanged at 42p.

Interest lifts Premier at Reckitt price £12.1m net PREMIER Consolidated

SHARES in Reckitt & Col-man, the food and house-f4.8 million extraordinary hold products company, profit on the sale of its rose 2p to 1,309p after it Ultramar holding last year, revealed it had received made operating profit of Colours, a group division profits of £4.6 million.

revealed it had received made operating profit of unsolicited expressions of £5.89 million (£7.18 million) interest in acquiring Reckitts and net profit of £12. million (£11.7 million) for that manufactures a pigment the 12 months to March. A used in laundry products. one-for-ten capitalisation is-The division made operating sue is proposed in lieu of Oil firm seeks listing

PITTENCRIEFF, the oil and gas production and development company, has applied for a full listing on the stock exchange. At the same time the Edinburgh-based company, which is capitalised at £20.46 million, is seeking to raise £7.6 million via a placement of shares at £20p to fund acquisitions

in North America. The company buys unprofitable oil and gas assets and improves their efficiency. Its current assets are in Texas. Until now shares in Pittencrieff have been traded on a matched-bargain basis under the stock exchange's rule 535.2. Dealines in the new shares are expected to begin on July 2.

# Sale of Hoskyns stake prolonged

By MARTIN BARROW

HOSKYNS, Britain's biggest has conceded that the search for a buyer for GEC/Siemens' 74 per cent shareholding in the company was taking longer than anticipated.

But Geoff Unwin, executive chairman, said he would not in which the company opconsider dropping pre-conditions attached to the sale, including the retention of a separate stock market listing for Hoskyns and a piedge to allow the company to run its

He said that negotiations continued with a number of possible bidders. Although an announcement was not imminent, he hoped to see "an early resolution to this

matter". "The issues are complex, but a potential bidder has to be clear about its priorities,' he said. The company's close ties with the former Plessey companies now owned by GEC/Siemens were not a stumbling block to an early

cent from £6.73 million before tax to £8.16 million for the six months to the end of April. City reaction to the results was tempered by a warning from Mr Unwin that high interest rates and a slump in busine confidence had affected areas erated. Shares in Hoskyns

were unchanged at 322p. "We are much more can tious than we were this time last year. The economy has tightened up even more, Mr Unwin, although he anticipated another year of growth. Earnings per share rose by 17 per cent from 5.4p to 6.3p. The interim dividend is increased by 15 per cent from 0.65p a share to 0.75p

Turnover advanced 28 per cent from £87.3 million to £111.7 million.

Systems integration activities were benefiting from increasing interest from the health sector. In facilities management 15 new agreements had been including three with former Hoskyns yesterday announ-ced interim profits up 21 per owned by Siemens.



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### This afternoon, the French Treasury has invited selected journalists for a briefing session on some of the practical implications of European monetary union. Not to be outdone, or indeed outmanoeuvred, Her Majesty's Treasury hurriedly convened a briefing yesterday afternoon, in advance of a speech last night from John Major on much the same subject. There was a degree of "hype" in the whole procedure. The chancellor's number two, Norman Lamont, had been scheduled to speak last night to the German Industry Forum: instead of the

understudy, they got the star.
This flurry of last-minute activity suggested to a market straining every nerve for news of Britain's entry into the exchangerate mechanism that the chancellor was going to say something positive. Sterling advanced 2 pfennigs. Instead of news, however, the chancellor set out a bargaining position.

The bottom line in the debate about monetary union is which currency comes out on top. We can be sure it will not be sterling. and we can be equally certain

# Ecus, madam? They'll do nicely

route, the mark will emerge top of the tree. So Mr Major has picked up Sir Michael Butler's theme of a European Monetary Fund, this institution then administering the ecu, so touchingly termed "our infant

that if we go down Nigel

Lawson's competing currency

common currency". The chancellor seems to have adopted the "new man" image that is besotting the advertising industry, and it is likely to be equally unsuccessful.

We would be wrong to doubt the honesty of the chancellor's proposals, but they are unlikely to do more than slow the pace. Wholehearted acceptance by the community is unlikely. Leaving aside the flights of fancy, such as the notion that ecu notes "could capture the popular imagination", the community is unlikely to buy the idea of a hard ecu. making its own way across Europe. Like the unfortunate camel, the ecu could end up with

## COMMENT

## DAVID BREWERTON

by committee, but less useful. Much more, however, is expected of this animal than was ever likely to be achieved by the current "soft" ecu. In time, the ecu would become the common currency for Europe, and in the very long term, said Mr Major,

"if peoples and governments so choose", it could develop into a single currency. The ecu out of the basket would not suffer the "average" effect that is so objected to by Karl Otto Pohl, but if brilliantly administered by a fiercely independent central bank would

the attributes of a horse designed around the mean. A currency without an economy will presumably need an anchor, and to tie it to strength rather than to a cocktail should have a salutary effect ОD economies.

picking his words with a skill of the hard ecu as the European learned around the cabinet table. monetary candidate suggests two themes to warm the hearts of those who advocate early entry into the exchange-rate mechanism. The first is that entry is now taken entirely for granted. The time for discussion on the merits of Delors stage one is past. We are going in, the timing to be dictated as much by politics as naturally attach itself to the best economics. The government will in Europe rather than hover do its best to make the timing of

entry a surprise. We will wake up one morning, and be there. The second is that Britain does want to play a full part in the shaping of the world beyond stage one. and is setting out its stall in front of the inter-governmental conference in December.

# Global irony

inflation-prone The bid for Globe has exposed the great con-The initiative was not surprising in itself, but the adoption trusts. They were designed for the private investor but are controlled by the institutions. They are in business to provide investment management and spread to individuals without the means to engage their own investment managers. On the whole, investment trusts do their job well. Some, but not Globe, have done outstandingly well over many years.

Although there are better performing trusts around than

assumption that Globe shareholders would sooner leave their money where it is, than have the complications of selling to a bidder and reinvesting. If they were minded to sell to buy a better performer, they did not have to wait for a bid to do so. Almost by definition, private money is put into investment trusts for long-term accum-ulation, to give the investor not the last penny of performance but to give him peace of mind and professional management. Globe's fate will be decided not by the tens of thousands of private shareholders, but by the same 50 institutions who have delivered other trusts to other

At present, the market has moved Globe's way. The revised bid stands 12 per cent\_below claimed net asset value. Despite all the shareholder support, the expressions of loyalty and the generally good job that Globe does for its shareholders, now that the Coal Pension Funds have raised the price, control of our biggest investment trust looks set to fall into its lap.

### A FEW weeks back, a highlyplaced executive at one of the country's 12 electricity distribution companies was threatened with court action by the Department of Energy.

His alleged crime was giving an honest review of the prospects for his business, a breach, in the department's eyes, of the Financial Services Act (FSA). Nothing better reflects the paranoia and uncertainty surrounding electricity privatisation.

The selling of power was always seen to be politically sensitive. As the first results of the 1987 general election came on television and pun-dits talked of a Conservative majority of only 30 seats, rather than the 101 lead that emerged, one of the 12 chairmen of electricity distribution companies predicted: "That's our privatisation off for another five years".

Contrary to his forecast, the first share dealings in the distributors, raising an esti-mated £5.5 billion for the government, should start on Tuesday, December 11 - a year minus a day after the water flotation.

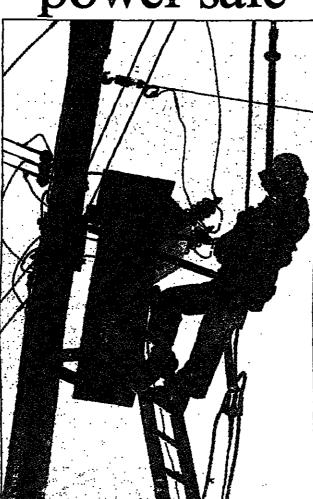
City advisers are beginning to realise that the hordes of Sids will be expected to get out their cheque books at around the time that any potential battle for the leadership of the Conservative Party reaches its peak. This lateral thinking is doing little to soothe the nerves of the government's advisers or of John Wakeham, the energy secretary.

The pathfinder prospectus for all 12 area distribution companies is likely to be issued on November 2, with impact day on November 21. available a week later, and applications will have to be

received by December 5. Government sources will not say what the detailed plans for the float are or whether any decisions have been made. However, one electricity insider commented: "There is no way they are taking the decisions that they are now with-

out a firm timetable in mind." The electricity float, even asset sales, looks like being a severe test of the public rela-

# Why Tory in-fighting could fuse power sale



It was a feature of the water flotation that the FSA was used as an extension of the more than previous public Official Secrets Act, to plug unwanted - as opposed to Whitehall-sanctioned -- leaks. tions skills of the govern- However, the time it has taken ment's advisers, coinciding as to dismantle and rebuild an

High wire act: political events may threaten sale

it does with the perceived start entire industry has left the of the run-up to the next government's advisers with their fingers in the dike for rather longer than previously.

The distributors, like water companies but unlike the generators, are virtually risk-free businesses, utilities with an assured future income.

Ordinarily, all that investors would have to choose be-

form of an unexploded Ger-

man bomb. For Popely, aged

39, chairman of Barbican

Holdings, the third market

property developer, calmly

tween is the differing yields on offer and the differences in demographic trends and management approach from region to region. Despite the pressure not to give any further information, it is al-ready obvious that while some are keen on being seen as "glorified Granny bonds", others favour a more entrepreneurial approach carrying some element of risk.

The factor that could still scupper the float is political risk, or, more precisely, the perceived political risk in the eyes of the relatively unsophisticated private investor. The worst-case scenario being discussed in the City involves further hesitation over entry into the European exchangerate mechanism this autumn. coupled with signs that John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is still failing to get to grips with inflation.

That could prompt a serious challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership as the float is being underwritten, climaxing in a bruising battle just when the shares are being marketed.

The last outbreak of political jitters, in the run-up to the May local authority elections, prompted concern in the City, which advisers to the float attempted to counter with kite-flying. Power might not be privatised in one chunk, it was whispered, to the horror of the industry chairmen, who had looked forward to a clean break with Whitehall.

One City analyst says: "A few weeks ago, the attitude was things will probably get The City is a little more sanguine at the moment - it goes to show how quickly things can change.

However, it is the possibility that things may change again if political uncertainty revives in the autumn that is unnerving some observers. The analyst commented: "A leadership challenge in the autumn wouldn't be good news for the privatisation. It would be the smaller investor who would be most put off. It's a public relations job that would save the day - and given some of the PR jobs recently, that doesn't give us too much hope."

**Martin Waller** 

# **TEMPUS** Home to boost at Unigate

mad in Britain, but chickens are having their necks wrung in increasing numbers.

Unigate has seen demand improve, but non-food interests let the side down in the year to March, and £105.5 million pre-tax profits against £100.5 million were no better than expected. The outcome improvement hopes make includes £12.7 million, up from £6.7 million, of property profits, and operating profit rose by £4 million due to lower

pension fund contributions.

Considering all the woes visited upon Unigate last year - hot weather hitting milk sales, the hangover from the salmonella scare, increased production security to fend off food sabotage threats - the fall in the return on trading capital employed from a peak 28.7 per cent to 26 per cent is hardly surprising.

Unigate's exhibition interests through Giltspur and the motor interests through Wincanton are unlikely to recovering lost ground until interest rates fall and consumer confidence picks up. Operating profits from distribution services fell from £30.2 million to £23.6 million.

Meanwhile, Unigate Resprofits spurt thanks to the from the separately quoted letting it show. popularity in America of its estate agency business. Such Yesterday's r balance sheet stays strong with erline the group's breadth, firmly on track, with steady patience.

COWS may or may not be net gearing of 6 per cent and which is complemented by its progress in the development mad in Britain but chickens interest cover at 10 times. interest cover at 10 times. Takeover thoughts from the

Larry Goodman and/or Associated British Foods camps for pork, turkey and chicken have faded, and the shares at 312p, up 7p, have underperformed the market by 23 per cent over 12 months. Recovery potential in

weaker areas and margin pre-tax profits of £109 million this year a possibility. On a prospective p/e ratio of 9.7, backed by a 6.5 per cent yield, Unigate is a hold. The shares can be reclassified a buy when interest rates look like falling.

## Hambros

than most expected. An extra times prospective earnings. £80 million in capital, brought in via the Hambros Investment Trust takeover, helped the banking division raise profits from £36.8 million to £64.1 million in the year to

Good treasury fee profits long-term spice. and a boost in leasing compensated for a thin year in corporate finance, whose efhave been much higher.

traditional investments.

cover for the 11.5p dividend,

Net transfers to hidden reserves, which have to be phased out in 1992, were small. Fully diluted earnings of 28.9p per share, up 15 per cent, still provide healthy

which has progressed from 6.17p in 1984-85. That makes the 5.4 per cent yield, at 285p, attractive. Profits should rise again this year, mainly due to the continuing impact of higher capital on the banking side.

Chris Smith at BZW forecasts a £10 million rise in group pre-tax profits to about £85 million, which would HAMBROS has done better leave the shares selling at 9.5

> Hambros sells at a premium to net asset value while some others of better quality sell at a discount. To counter that, six outside groups of varying degrees of friendliness hold 54 per cent of its shares, adding

## **NSM**

forts for Hoylake earned al- IF Don Carr, the NSM chairmost £3 million but might man, is distracted by the air of uncertainty prompted by the One-off profits from the "for sale" sign that hangs over HIT deal more than wiped out Anglo United's 20.5 per cent taurants put in a 44 per cent a £9.2 million share of losses stake in his company, he is not

Yesterday's results showed

eventually contribute equally to profits. They are coal mining, building and, still to come, waste disposal.

NSM's progress on profits is more spectacular, with the had old, loss-making days of its former incarnation, Burnett & Hallamshire, behind it. In the 12 months to March, pre-tax profits grew by 59 per cent to £26.2 million, belped by a full contribution from Bison, the pre-cast concrete group it bought in 1988.

The dividend increased by per cent to 3.5p a share (3p), hampered by a rise in the tax charge to 20 per cent.

Following February's £49 million rights issue, gearing dropped to a year-end level of 13 per cent but is rising again. Year-end gearing is forecast to be 55 per cent, a level the company says it is comfortable with, but one that shareholders will not want to see move much higher. In the current year the

worry is likely to be Bison. where profits could easily be flat. Group pre-tax profits could rise to £32-£33 million although earnings per share, following the rights issue, are likely to be little different from last year's 9.75p. At 82p, the shares may suffer a little rights issue indigestion in the short

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Kitcat hangs on by its claws

TALK that last-ditch negotia-

tions to find a buyer for Kitcat & Aitken had failed is pre-mature. Although Nick Spearing, the broker's top commission-earning salesman, has indeed effectively thrown in the towel by joining James Capel — as noted in yesterday's City Diary — behind the scenes negotiations by his former colleagues are in fact continuing. Peter Nuttall, the firm's one-time senior partner and managing director, says that it is incorrect to say that discussions with another potential suitor -Banque Indosuez - have been called off. "I don't want to name names but we are still in talks with them, or whoever, he said. Of the firm's original staff of 120 - all made redundant by Canadian parent RBC Dominion Securities three weeks ago - Nuttall had hoped that his negotiations would result in a new home being found for 80 analysts and salesmen. Despite the protracted nature of the discussions, and the disappointment of a last-minute refusal by Deutsche Bank, Nuttall says that more than 70 employees are still keeping other job offers on ice, in the hope that they will eventually be able to move elsewhere en masse. Talk in the Square Mile is that these ongoing negotiations are indeed with Banque Indosuez and, if

successful, will result in at

least 25 ex-Kitcat brokers and

analysts joining the bank, under the Kitcat name, and possibly working in conjunc-tion with W I Carr, the broker, which is already owned by

A TEN-POINT guide from the mining team at Kleinwort Benson Securities on the theory of mining investment includes the advice that potential investors should never buy shares in a company whose chairman has either monogrammed shirt cuffs, a large dress ring or a gold Rolex. "The last two are likely to contain more gold than the company's ore reserves,"the

Hole in one second PROPERTY investor Ron Popely, described by those who know him as a "rough but likeable diamond", is more

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ionship golf course on his 250acre Hever Stud in Kent stumbled across a 500lb bomb. It was duly detonated by a bomb-squad team, leaving a gaping hole which will, Popely tells me, now be known as the "bomb bunker" to commemorate the event. 'We wouldn't want to blow up any City businessmen teeing off," he quips, adding that the golf course, complete with luxury 70-room hotel, should be open by May 1991. Popely joined Barbican a year ago, injecting £3 million of his own money, and hopes to take it to the USM by September. than a match for any adver-



BOB Head - London's longest serving City editor retires tomorrow after 29 years with the Daily and Sunday Mirror. Last night Robert Maxwell hosted a surprise leaving party for him in the Mirror's staff restaurant and presented him with a video recorder as a farewell gift. Also there to say goodbye were hundreds of Bob's colleagues, past and present, and City contacts built up during his 44 years as a journalist. Head and his wife Maureen were also given a special spoof edition of the Daily Mirror with the headline "Head Rolls." Head, who celebrates

sary - even when it takes the his 60th birthday on Sunday, will be replaced by John Husband, a mere 24-year vet-

GRAFFITO in the washroom summoned the police the at Guildhall magistrates' other day when workmen court: "Say no to the deportabuilding an 18-hole champ-tions — keep the football tions — keep the football hooligans in Sardinia."

## Dead ringer

BELEAGUERED ex-billionaire Donald John Trump financial advisers. According to sources quoted by the tabloids in the United States he is now talking to the dead. It was an idea put to him, they say, by a close friend, ex-President Richard Nixon, who in his darkest days of despair in the midst of Watergate, used to stalk the White House corridors conversing with the spirits of Washington and Lincoln. He claims that he found it very calming. Those allegedly close to Trump say be has now struck up a conversation with the late R.D. Rockefeller, Whether or not this helps him to talk his bankers round, Trump will nevertheless suffer the ignominy of being formally drummed out of the billionaires' club next month by Forbes magazine. Forbes says he will not appear in its annual list of the world's billionaires, due to be published in July. According to its researchers, he is, at best, only a half

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# AGB will audition for US television ratings contract

ROBERT Maxwell is taking the market to itself for 30 to deliver those viewers to former ownership to enter the Pergamon AGB, his private market research group, into its and parallel systems during second battle to gain a monop— "an experimentation phase"

The move comes after ABC, CBS and NBC, the three US networks, displeased with the the American company which current Nielsen ratings sys- measures local viewing auditem, called for compeniors to

create a better one. Mr Maxwell, who yesterday took over the chairmanship of run either by one of the new Pergamon AGB from his son Kevin, who becomes deputy chairman, said Pergamon AGB had been asked by the networks to re-enter the

American market. David Poltrack, senior vice president of planning and research at CBS, said all three ience patterns last year meant networks would welcome other rival companies into the We welcome AGB's interest. It is one of the few companies that has the resources to compete with Nielsen. But we're not committed to it," he said.

The networks plan to re-The networks plan to re-place Nielsen, which has had audience. If the networks fail

years, after auditioning rival oly in the American television in the 1991-92 season, said Mr airtime as a penalty. audience measurement mar- Poltrack. AGB will take part in this process with several

> By September 1992, a new and system will be in place, entrants or Nielsen itself, said Mr Poltrack. "It would be unproductive to have two duplicate systems," he said.

Nielsen, part of Dun & Bradstreet, clashed with the three networks after volatile and unexplained shifts in audthe stations had to give back between \$100 million and \$200 million to advertisers in free airtime.

American advertisers pay a year in advance for advertising time starting each September. In exchange they are

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advertisers, expected to spend American market, losing \$67 \$4.4 billion this year, they are million after only CBS signed forced to give advertisers free

Nielsen, which receives \$15 million each year from the other companies, one of which three networks combined, is understood to be Arbitron, roughly 30 to 40 per cent of its total revenue, changed its audience tracking in 1987 to AGB attempted to introduce in the same year. The meter relies on 4,000 sample households pushing buttons to show who watches what and the networks believe viewers have

> rendering ratings inadequate. "The most glaring example came from the daytime soap audiences, among the most loyal of all women viewers aged between 18 and 49. Last February the rating showed a could easily double. million of these had just Mr Poltrack said the com-turned off. We don't think mittee on national television that's possible."

become bored with the task,

system and connect it into replacement homes, failed three years ago under its from AGB soon.

The commerce department

said housing starts for May

dropped 1.4 per cent and

building permits for the month fell 4.4 per cent.

**US** builds fewer homes

From JOHN DURIE IN NEW YORK

Home building in America is follows declines of 6.4 per cent

at its lowest level since the in April and 12,2 per cent in

1982 recession, underlining March and indicates an an-

the slowdown in the country's nual rate of 1.2 million new

The May figure for starts explain the fall in home starts.

The US networks, whose audiences are falling amid growing competition from caguaranteed audience system and are now in talks with advertisers and agencies seeking a common ground for new

Fox Broadcasting, owned by The News Corporation, which owns The Times, said it will continue with the traditional system of guaranteeing viewing levels. Its network programmes will be increased from three to five nights a week from the autumn and American industry experts say the \$350 million Fox received in advance revenue last year

audience measurement, which AGB, which claims it can is composed of represent-track households not using the atives from the television networks and advertising industry, would hear proposals

houses being built. This com-

pares with 1.4 million homes in 1989.

Consumer caution com-

bined with tighter lending

standards imposed by banks

# Quiligotti down in first year on USM

By MARTIN BARROW

OUILIGOTTI, the manufacturer of terrazzo tiles, suffered a near-12 per cent fall in taxable profits from £2.34 million to £2.07 million during the 12 months to end-March, the company's first full year on the Unlisted Securities Market

The downturn in the construction industry caused a deterioration in earnings during the second half of the year. At the interim stage the company returned pre-tax profits 12 per cent ahead at £1.2 million. Earnings per share fell 23

per cent from 5.7p to 4.4p. The company is paying a final dividend of 1.44p a share, making a total of 2.2p, up 10 per cent from the notional dividend of 2p for 1989. Profits slipped despite a 15

per cent increase in turnover from £17.75 million to £20.45 million.

Gerard Quiligotti, managing director, said that while margins held up well in hard flooring, the smaller fire-surround divisions had suffered as a result of the weak housing

In February, Quiligotti Inc, the company's newly formed American subsidiary, acquired 80 per cent of Associated imports, an importer of ceramic tiles from Mexico and Brazil for distribution in America, and purchased a tile factory in Lancaster, Texas, which is expected to be in use by spring 1991.

Quiligotti shares were unchanged at 58p, against last year's placing price of 52p.



Expanding: Takare's Pritchard, left, and Bradshaw

# Growing Takare in £18.8m cash call

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TAKARE, the nursing homes Bradshaw and Deverok Prit-group, is raising £18.8 million chard, hold 50 per cent, but by an open offer so as to are not taking up their entitl further its expansion plans. It ment under the offer. These has forecast pre-tax profits for shares have been placed by de this year of £4.15 million, an increase of 97 per cent.

The offer is on the basis of two new shares for every seven existing shares at 550p a share. Takare shares were unchanged at 560p yesterday.

The group operates 1,245 beds and plans to add 1,140 this year in addition to 660 started last year. An increasing number of beds are contracted to health authorities. The group's founders, Keith

Zoete and Bevan with institutional shareholders, including the merchant bank Singer & Friedlander, which will own 29.9 per cent of Takare but have voting rights for only 20.5 per cent. Mr Bradshaw

rights for 46 per cent. The group forecasts earnings this year of 27.6p, up 52 per cent, with dividends of 4.3p, up 59 per cent.

and Mr Pritchard will own 36

per cent, but have voting

HK lawyer admits charge of corruption

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

WARWICK REID, a senior government lawyer who headed the commercial crime unit of the Hong Kong legal department, yesterday admitted a charge of corruption under the Prevention of Bribery Or-

dinance. The 42-year-old principal Crown Counsel, who once oversaw prosecution in Hong Kong's business community, admitted having assets deemed disproportionate to his pay. The assets included NZ\$2.43 million (£840,000) in bank balances and three tracts of property in his native New

The offence carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and a HK\$100,000 (£7,500) fine. Assets involved

may be confiscated.

J. M. Meredith, the magistrate presiding in the case, ordered that Reid be held in custody pending sentence in

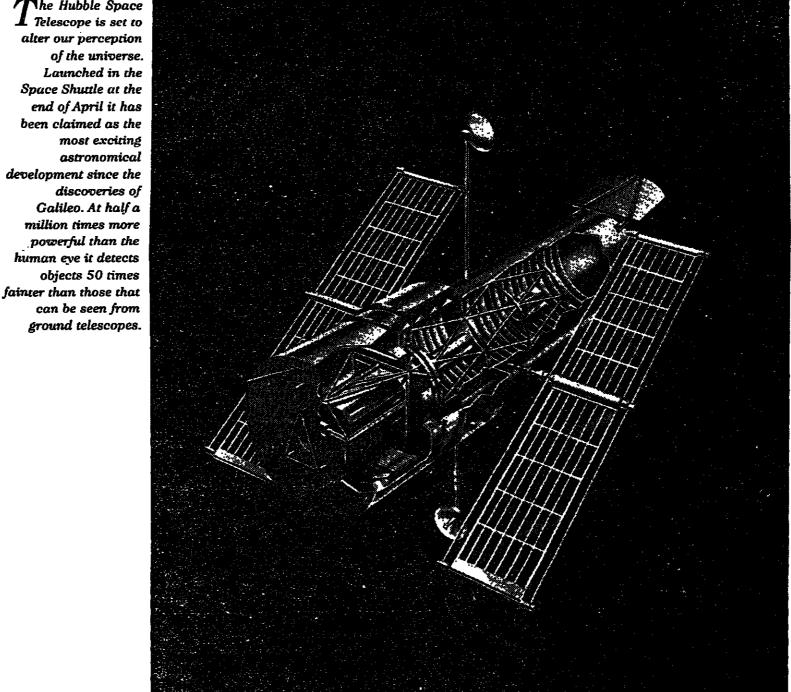
the High Court.

Earlier, three private lawyers and a former banker were charged by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, with offences involving

Reid. Two of the lawyers, Eddie Soh and Oscar Lai, are alleged to have offered Reid between HK\$15 million and HK\$20 million in return for assistance in criminal proceedings against their client, Ronald Li, former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, who faces corruption charges relating to share listings. Mr Li. whose case is yet to come trial, has not been accused of offering Reid bribes.

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state-owned companies after monetary union with West Germany on July 1.

A new trustee law will allow the transfer of state-owned businesses into public or private limited stock companies, in which, initially, a stateowned trustee company will hold all the shares.

The change of status will happen before July 1 and will pave the way for a wholesale transfer of ownership to the private sector, mainly West German companies, after July

The law also provides for a direct transfer of shares in some companies to the East German public and local and regional government.

The trust company will play central role in organising East Germany's transition to a market-based economy.

It will forward loans to companies to keep them afloat, and will also be able to

THE East German govern- draw on a DM7 billion credit ment has laid the groundwork line this year and DM10 for the privatisation of 8,000 billion next year.

The need for this credit has increased since estimates by the East German finance ministry according to which be-tween DM5 billion and DM6 billion will be needed every month in order to secure wages and salaries at present levels of employment.

The estimates surprised most observers and, if true, are likely to lead to much higher unemployment in East Germany than had been

Further evidence of the strengthening links between West and East German firms is provided by a poll con-ducted by the West German machine tool association.

Of the association's 900 members, 238 have business interests in East Germany while another 480 are negotiating or planning to negotiate soon. A quarter of them expect to deliver into East

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# Chrysler shares boosted by Fiat talks

added \$350 million to the talks. But analysts are scepstock market value of Chrysler, the car company, in the belief that it is poised to forge links with Fiat of Italy (Philip Robinson writes).

tical that the discussions involve anything more than joint-venture co-operation for

AMERICAN investors have firmed that the two are in losing market share in the cancelled a joint venture with United States. First-quarter Renault, the French car group, profits dropped 80 per cent to to build a sports-utility car in

Chrysler already sells Fiat's

Chrysler already sells Fiat's Chrysler's shares have Alfa Romeo cars in North bucked the Wall Street trend The company, run by Lee America but needs a small car since the beginning of the Chrysler, the third biggest Iacocca, has just lost a number to plug a gap in its product week, adding \$1.50 to American carmaker, has con- of key directors. It is also range. Last week Chrysler \$16.625.

## Yarn producers want freer access to overseas markets

# Import taxes 'unfair to spinners'

By DEREK HARRIS, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE British Yarn Show, being held at Leicester as a shop window for the latest woollen yarn colours and textures created by Britain's spinning industry, has been the scene of some tough talking about import hurdles abroad that cause difficulties for British exporters.

Brian Galling, chairman of the show, who is with Patons RTN, part of Coats Viyella, said British spinners had successfully increased exports, with some companies sending a quarter or more of their production abroad, but it was no thanks to the duty and tax barriers in some countries.

High import duties were being charged by countries which were able to send textiles to Britain either completely free from duty or taxed at much lower rates, Mr Galling added. He gave three

illustrations of imbalance. Turkish spinners export into Britain with no impost while British spinners sending goods into Turkey face duties and taxes totalling 58 per cent, he said. While South Korean yarn producers

have to pay British import duties of 3.8 per cent, trade the other way leaves British goods liable to 11 per cent duty. Americans also pay 3.8 per cent on goods sent into the Britain, while the British spinners' exports to America face

duties of 9 per cent. Freer access to international markets was vital, said Mr Galling. "We do not accept these examples as fair and reasonable. Without access to a volume market we cannot expand our businesses or employ more people," he said.

The British spinners were not just

whimpering for protection in their own backyard, Mr Galling said. "The spinning industry is not a dust-covered relic of the industrial revolution, whingeing for protection from the cold light of reality, but a modern, highly equipped, internationally credible group of manufacturers which demands that its interests be properly understood so that its full potential can be realised."

Mr Galling saw British spinners as a creative force as new yarns and colourings brought out at the shows were translated into garment styles by customer companies and offered in high streets around the world.

It was easy to overlook this initial role of British spinners, who needed to promote their role more strongly, he

# Hong Kong to ease share-buying curbs

The decision benefits local and overseas companies with a primary listing in Hong

Depending on the time needed to amend various regulations, the repurchasing rules are expected to take effect before the end of the year. Companies will be allowed to buy back shares on the stock market by making a general offer or through private transactions subject to the approval of the takeovers

In earlier proposals by the stock exchange and the SFC, there were annual, daily, volume and time-of-day restric-tions buying back shares. But now a more flexible system is being examined.

The latest plan bans a company that is buying back its shares from distributing them for a fixed period - 30 days has been suggested immediately following a share repurchase. But a proposal to require all exchange repurchases to be effected han one broker for such

"Both the stock exchange and the SFC have commenced

From Lulu Yu in Hong Kong THE Hong Kong Stock Ex- posals and the implementachange and the Securities and futures Commission have agreed to lift a ban on listed firms buying back their own shares.

The decision baseful lead to possis and the implementation of rules permitting the buying back of shares is viewed as a priority for both organisations," said Mr Francis Yuen, chief executive of the stock exchange.

"Furthermore. consideration is being given to permit-ting overseas incorporated companies with a primary listing on the stock exchange to purchase their own shares whether or not the Companies Ordinance has been amended to permit share repurchases," Mr Yuen added.

Nearly a quarter of Hong Kong's 292 public firms have switched their domicile to tax havens, such as Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, amid fears of the consequences of the colony's return to China in 1997. But these companies are barred from buying their own shares without approval from the Hong Kong authorities despite the freedom to do so under their domicile juris-

Geoffrey Lewis, a British lawyer who has helped overhaul Hong Kong's securities legislation, said buy-back activities could boost liquidity in Hong Kong's market, where many stock were trading at big through a single broker has discounts to their net asset been changed to allow more values. "At present Hong Kong companies compare unfavourably against other jurisdictions which allow buybacks. It is a facility that preparing the actual rules companies and markets based on these revised pro- want," Mr Lewis said.

# Profits more than halved at Phoenix

PHOENIX Timber, where warned shareholders that coninvestment bank holds a 28.3 per cent stake, reports taxable profits for the year to March I more than halved, from 1.42 million to £656,000.

Earnings per share slumped 61 per cent to 4p. However, after an extraordinary profit of £1.7 million from the sale of a £7 million or 40 per cent of wharf site at Rainham, Essex, the company is maintaining the total dividend at 2.75p with an unchanged final of acres at Rainham Marshes, 1.65p. Turnover was up 10 per next to the site for the leisure cent at £70.41 million.

chairman, the downturn in construction activity put margins under severe pressure. He of £3.5 million.

Sweden's Mercurius Gruppen ditions had continued to deteriorate in the current year and that no upturn was apparent

The company would concentrate on further strengthen-ing its financial position. Borrowings have been reduced from £12.6 million to shareholders' funds.

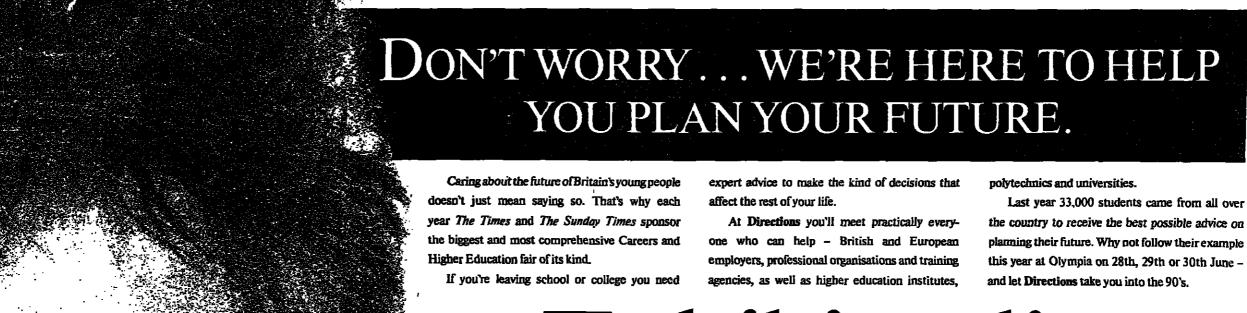
Phoenix's principal timber operations are located in 18 park and film studios which But, said Peter Quinn, the may be built by MCA and the Rank Organisation.

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## WORLD MARKETS

# Dow moves ahead as dealings start

THE Dow Jones industrial which shook the market out of average was ahead by seven its lethargy. points at 2,900.56 at the start of trading and rising shares outnumbered declines by al-

higher, but on short-covering. Dealers said the market's direction appeared uncertain despite the small recovery on Tuesday from the sharp loss on Monday, which also came on thin volume.

◆ Tokyo — The Nikkei index closed up 47.38 points, or 0.15 per cent, to 32,087.76. Shares closed slightly higher after a day of thin trading, in which arbitrage activity was the only significant factor.

● Frankfurt - The DAX index ended 12.81 points, or 0.7 per cent, higher at 1.849.55. in a day of quiet trading.
Prices ended mostly firmer,

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most five to three. US Trea-sury bonds opened mostly at 2,123.59. Shares traded

1.502.8. The market ended slightly firmer in lacklustre dealings, edging back above 1,500 mainly because of a shortage of stock.

up 0.98 to 1,535.85. Share prices closed slightly firmer but off their morning's highs

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actively with overseas investors trading blue chips selectively and local retailers focusing on second-liners.

● Sydney — The All-Ord-inaries index ended 3.4 up at

• Singapore — The Straits
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ished 5p down at 160p.

with Harrisons & Crosfield.

which had anticipated the market's opinion of a company's share price and even prompt the big City institutions to increase their expo-

sure to the shares. Membership of the FT-SE 100 index depends on the size of a company's capitalisation and it is reviewed every quarter. The Stock Exchange reviews the top 150 or so companies and their stock market value, before finalising its decision. A current constituent finishing in the 110th place is not necessarily eliminated.

The equity market suffered £1.18 billion. a day of mixed fortunes, recovering from a hesitant start but running out of steam in late trading despite a strong performance by the pound which lifted government

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STOCK MARKET

# Index fears knock Burton shares

Group's days as a constituent longer end. Last night, dealers of the FT-SE 100 index might were waiting for the chanbe about to end sent the shares cellor's speech which, they sliding towards their low for hoped, would provide clues to the year of 145p. They fin- the timing of Britain's entry

But, last night, Burton, the rate mechanism. high street retailer, received a The FT-SE 100 index saw reprieve from exclusion from an early lead of almost 15 the exclusive 100 club when points whittled away to just the International Stock Ex- 1.5 at 2.371.2 by the close. The change decided to remove the narrower FT index of 30 Cookson Group and replace it shares lost 4.0 at 1,903.4 on a

The Cookson share price, shares, move, fell 6p to 212p, while to be absorbed by the second Harrisons & Crosfield re-day of Ascot as well as sorting sponded with a rise of 2p to out their trading positions as 174p. Membership of the top the June quarter starts to draw 100 club can improve the to a close. This apparent lack figures in its stride.

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turnover of 436 million

Investors' attention seemed of interest enabled the market to take the May money supply

Globe Investment Trust eased 1p to 204p after the British Coal pension funds raised its offer to 205p a share, valuing the trust at £1.1 billion. Among the leaders, Lucas Industries fell 8p to 158p with James Capel, the broker, deciding to trim its profit estimate for the current year. BTR fell 8p to 434p after UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, cuts its forecast for this year by £70 million to

In the property sector, the absence of bid news and growing concern about the group's borrowings sent Priest Marians tumbling 27p to 168p. Rosehaugh also dipped

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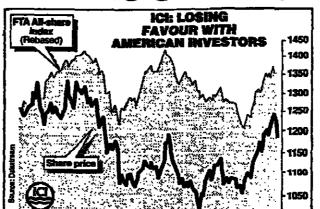
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biggest computer manufac- denied. turer, fell 19p to 239p, after briefly touching 230p, follow-

ing a profits warning from forecasts for the current year.

Storehouse, the troubled retailer which saw pre-tax profits They estimate that any further slump from £7.5 million to £500,000 last year, firmed 1p to cuts would probably have to 130p. Michael Julien, the chief executive, gave a presentation for brokers yesterday on the progress made since he took over. He will give a repeat performance for fund managers today. The City expects profits to recover to £35 million in 1991.

sluggish first half with the bulk lowered to between £250 milof profits weighted towards lion and £260 million. The the second. The first indica- group's electronics division is facing charges of pollution in tions that all was not well at also feeling the squeeze from California. Smith Barney, the

below its rights issue price of STC came on Tuesday when 200p, closing 7p cheaper at the share price went into 199p. reverse on talk of a profits
STC, the electronics group
which owns ICL, Britain's Securities, which was quickly

> Analysts responded to the news by reducing their profit

Arthur Walsh, the chairman, Most of them had been look-who said that City profit ing for between £265 million estimates were too optimistic, and £280 million compared stimates were too optimistic. and £280 million compared A wave of US selling sent Launch costs for a range of with £278 million last time. ICI, still regarded as the bell-ICL computers will result in a Estimates have now been

The problems at STC are bound to revive talk that the group will negotiate the sale of part of its holding in ICL. Interested parties are said to include Siemens of West Germany and Olivetti of Italy. Dealings in Siemens start in London this morning after an introduction.

The prospect of even more cuts in the government's defence budget continued to take its toll among defence stocks. British Aerospace continued to bear the brunt of the markdown with a further fall of 26 to 520p. This week the government cancelled an order for 33 Tornado fighters but the loss of revenue to BAe is minimal. Claims that BAe is also in danger of losing a lucrative contract with Saudi Arabia seem wide of the mark.

Some analysts believe the falls have been overdone. be made on the personnel side. Other defence stocks hit included Dowty, down 2p to 224p, Roll-Royce. 2p to 215p.

Smiths Industries, 8p to 243p, VSEL, 5p to 378p, and GEC, 11p to 197p. wether of British industry.

sliding 30p to £11.82 on reports that the company was

the downturn in orders from New York broker, is believed British Telecom, up 2p at to have led the sellers following a downgrading of profits.

Dealers say that Smith Barney is worried about the impact of a stronger pound on profits and fears that it could make the company less competitive. Analysts in London have been bearish about the group's prospects for sometime. The slowdown in the economy means that many of them are looking for a downturn in profits from last year's £1.52 billion to £1.42 billion. BZW believes that the shares look

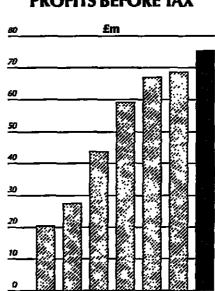
Wellcome, the pharmaceuti-cals group which is leading the fight against Aids with its drug Retrovir, was a nervous market, falling 34p to 634p with Warburg Securities topping £20 million from this year's profit forecast of £365 million and with dealers again worried about the threat of increased competition.

As the latest world conference on Aids gets underway in San Francisco, reports have been filtering back that other treatments could soon be challenging Retrovir's dominant position in the US market. But Retrovir is still the only officially approved treat-ment for Aids in the US and Europe and rival drugs could have to undergo years of extensive trials before receiving full approval.

Michael Clark

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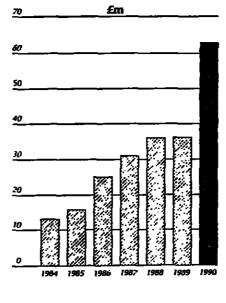
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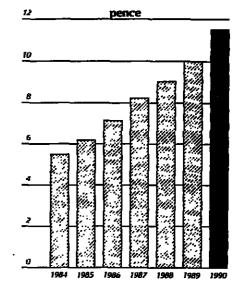
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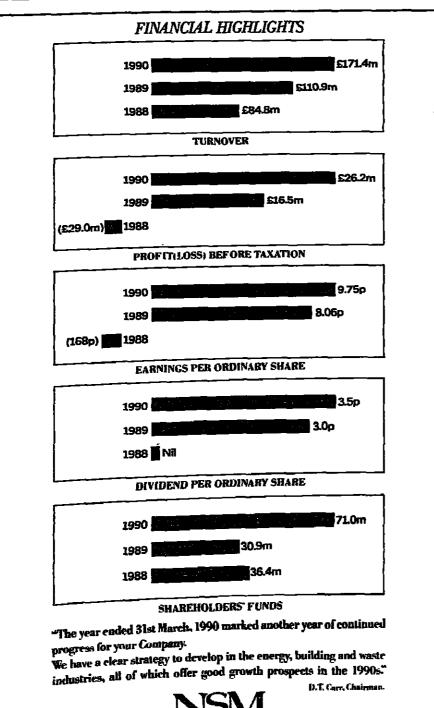
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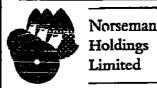
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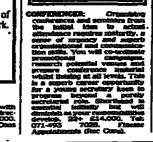
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# Why scientists are painting the sky red

The big magnetic storm of 1989 disrupted communications world-wide. Now scientists are to join together to provide a more rapid warning of future storms. Nina Morgan reports

good magnetic storms this summer. According to Bill Stuart he should be in luck. The two scientists are at the leading edge of British research into different aspects of a phenomenon that has a major influence on the world's environment but that is not well understood.

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They both hope for some dramatic revelations from exploration by the Combined Release and Radiation Effects Satellite (CRRES), which will include an experiment to "paint" huge, but temporary, celestial murals by turning a large section of the magnetic envelope surrounding the Earth into vast clouds of green, red, blue and yellow

Dr Stuart leads a group at the British Geological Survey (BGS), in Edinburgh, which is pioneering methods for forecasting magnetic storms and fluctations in the Earth's magnetic field, comparable to but providing a more rapid warning of disturbances than the daily weather bulletins.

Up-to-the-minute forecasts can now be flashed worldwide via the recently created Geomagnetism Information and Forecasting Service (GIFS). On the assumption that forewarned is forearmed, Dr Stuart aims to provide an early warning to terrestrial and satellite radio operators of pending disruption to increasingly sensitive communica-tions and navigation equipment. Guidance systems in missiles could be vulnerable.

The last big magnetic storm was in March 1989, putting GIF to its first major test. Dr Stuart says: "Statistically there should be another one soon. We are now coming to the most disturbed part of the geomagneuc cycle."

Dr Mike Hapgood's fascination with storms stems from his work with the Space Plasmas Group at the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, which is directed at understanding what happens in space when sudden surges in streams of lethal radiation, shot at Earth from flares fired from the surface of the Sun, collide with the magnetic envelope protecting our planet

In effect, the excessive pulses of radiation in the solar wind "dent" the magnetic field, causing severe distur-bances to the Earth's magnetosphere. As Dr Hapgood puts it, "we want to know what

ike Hapgood is happens in a storm, as well as still use compasses in various praying for some in a flat calm". in a flat calm".

The satellite, to be launched (Nasa) from Cape Canaveral in Florida, will help to assess the potentially dangerous effects of magnetic storms on spacecraft and astronauts. In addition to blocking communications, radiation associated with magnetic storms can burn out electronics, falsely trigger command circuitry, and expose astronauts to high levels of radiation from increased numbers of charged particles in the solar wind. During high sunspot activity special precautions are needed

ing lengths of flights. Disruption on Earth from magnetic storms includes damage or interference to telephone lines, television cables, power supply lines and in the transmission of signals. automatic railway signals, as well as radio communication links and broadcasts.

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Although the effects of geomagnetic disturbances are felt throughout the world, large land masses such as Canada and the Soviet Union have vulnerable settlements at high latitudes crossed by electrical power lines, telephone cables and pipelines. The great magnetic storm of March 12-13. 1989, lasting 36 hours, was one of the three most severe recorded, cutting electricity supplies to six million people in Ouebec, after a voltage

surge that tripped regulators. halted a nuclear power station for 42 hours for safety reasons and disrupted communications world-wide. The effects of the storm were also felt

Bombardment by radiation and particles from the Sun increases the density of the Earth's atmosphere, slowing satellites and throwing them from their planned orbits for most reliable direct measurean earlier return to Earth. Satellite monitoring stations in the United States temporarily lost track of 1,500 satellites in just a few hours. For people living in southern England and other places in mid latitudes, the magnetic storm provided rare and spectacular displays of aurorae.

Compass needles deviate from magnetic north in violent storms, posing a hazard for navigators. As David Carriage reports, during the 1989 storm the compass needle in the BGS magnetic observatory in Lerwick in the Shetlands swung an unprecedented 8

ways and that extends to people in the oil business by the National Aeronautics drilling holes in the North Sea. and Space Administration They want to know where the They want to know where the holes are going, so they use magnetic reference to find

> Even the most sophisticated satellite-based navigation systems, such as the latest Global Positioning System (GPS) established freely for international use by the US, are not immune from the effects of magnetic storms induced by solar bursts. Though the satellites orbit high enough to escape the effects of drag during storms forcing them to Earth, the accuracy of measurements made by the network depends on the precise timing of radio signals sent from the satellites. Changes in the ionosphere during magnetic disruption causes tiny but crucial delays

In addition to the shortterm chaos resulting from dramatic changes in the Earth's magnetic field, navigators must also consider the effects of longer-term, or socalled secular, variation of the Earth's field, which in the future will eventually involve a complete reversal of the magnetic field, with north becoming south and vice

ecular variation is

attributed to changes in the Earth's interior, where heat and density-driven convection currents cause the molten nickel-iron alloy in the Earth's core to circulate, providing a self-exciting geodynamo to create the planet's magnetic field. But there is evidence that the geodynamo is changing Long-term trends have been unravelled in the Earth's magnetic field covering at least a thousand years. The

more than 300 years. Data analysed by Jeremy Bloxham of Harvard University and David Gubbins of Leeds University indicate that the Earth's magnetic field is changes in magnetic declina-tion, the clockwise angle between the direction a compass

north) and geographical north. Today, in London, the declination is roughly five degrees to the west. But because of the motion in the Earth's core, compass needles degrees. He explains: "People are gradually moving back the past 400 years and that the

towards true north at a rate of around one degree every eight years. Over the past 400 years measurements made in London indicate that the declination has varied from east to west and back again for a total

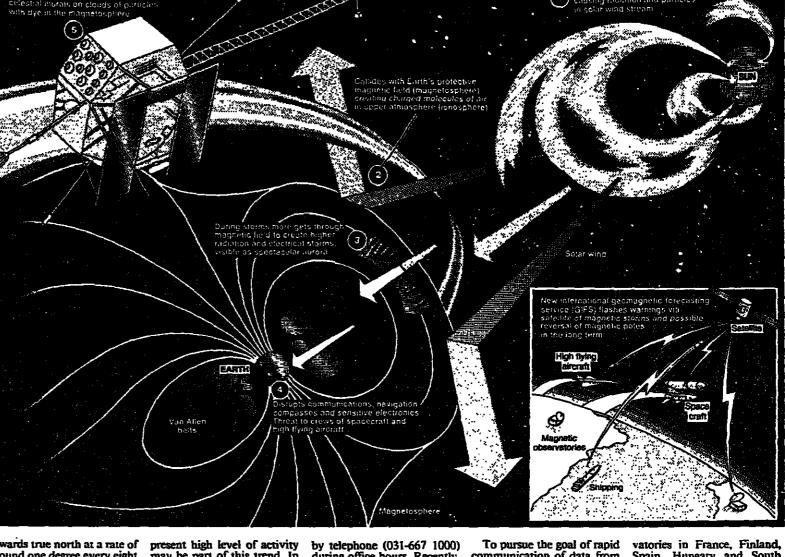
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sity show that the strength of the Earth's magnetic field has decayed by about seven per cent since 1845. Although, in the words of Mr Carriage of the BGS, the decreasing intensity of the Earth's magnetic field is "a bit like global warming, if you don't measure it for long enough you can't be too sure what you are seeing, whether it is going to go up again". Many geologists be-lieve the trend is downwards. In the geological past weakening of the magnetic field has preceded a reversal, or change in polarity of the field, so that north would become south.

Polarity changes are relatively common events in the geological record. There have been at least nine major polarity changes over the past 3.6 million years, and the most recent occurred about 500,000 years ago. According to Mr Gubbins, reversals hap-pen on average every 300,000 years, so one is long overdue. He estimates that if the decrease in magnetic intensity carries on at its present rate, a reversal could occur in about a

thousand years from now. slowly drifting westwards. Although a thousand years This motion is reflected in is an instant in geological terms, in human terms it is a long time away. The effects of sudden magnetic storms needle points (magnetic threaten us every day and, according to Dr Stuart of the BGS, the disturbances are not over yet.

Some scientists believe that the level of solar activity has been gradually increasing over



present high level of activity may be part of this trend. In fact, the 1989 magnetic storms are the result of one of the strongest episodes of solar activity since 1957. Every sunspot cycle, during which of more than 40 degrees of the number and size of sunspots vary from a minimum to Measurements of the intena maximum and back again, lasts for around 11 years. The current cycle, forecast to be

one of the greatest, is now approaching its maximum. This means that we can expect a number of big magnetic storms over the next one or two years. Although we cannot do anything to alter these potentially dangerous variations in the Earth's magnetic field, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. This is why many countries have set up obser-

vatories to monitor solar activity.
GIFS offers a daily forecast of the level of geomagnetic activity in Europe. Although the service is aimed at professional users, it can also be used by the public. GIFS is available free to users of the Joint Academic Network (JA-NET) computer system and can be accessed via British Telecom's computer link net-

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The GIFS forecasts draw

extensively on data from the

UK magnetic observatories at Lartland in Devon, Eskdalemuir in southern Scotland and Lerwick in the Shetlands. Data collection at the UK observatories is controlled by nodes, which will collect and on-site computers, which are process the data automatically linked by telephone to the British Geological Survey of casts to users. fices in Edinburgh. The realtime data sent from the observatories to Edinburgh is used to provide forecast information within minutes.

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To pursue the goal of rapid communication of data from the observatories to a small number of central processing and control centres, scientists in the US, Canada, France and the UK have begun a joint programme, known as Inter-

magnet, which aims to communicate observatory data in real-time by satellite to three or four communication This process has alrea

begun in Britain. All the UK

observatories transmit their data every 12 minutes to the US weather satellite, GOES, which in turn transmits it to perts at the BGS receivers in the US and Canada. In addition, the Hartland better forecasts observatory in the UK has could be made if been fitted with a satellite dish to allow it to receive magnetic cess to greater amounts of data via GOES from the real-time geomagnetic data Boulder, Colorado and Fred-from around the world. To ricksburg, Virginia, observatories in the US, and the Ottawa observatory, Canada.

This summer the BGS observatories are fully auto- hopes to install similar mated and have central con- communication links with and you get a very good trol and processing, but of the other European observatories forecast of when they are 200-plus geomagnetic obser- via the European and African vatories world-wide, more weather satellite, Meteosat. know that such and such

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The eventual aim is to link all the world observatories by Intermagnet. The programme the US Geological Survey, expect to link more than a hundred observatories using standardised equipment by the end of the century. With the help of automatic computer programs, this global view of geomagnetic distur-bances will lead to more accurate forecasts.

As for the next year or so, in view of the present solar cycle maximum, Dr Stuart has some good news and some bad news. First the bad news: the forecast for the geomagnetic field is decidedly stormy, and "as far as major storms are concerned we have to keep looking at the Sun, and that's not much more than an inspired guess".

And the good news? "At this part of the solar cycle, solar activity regions persist for several rotations, so you can watch them, see them develop coming round again. So you there is likely to be something

# rug tests on humans first

unique medical research centre for mak-A search centre for making the first trials of a drug on healthy human volunteers, and for clinical trials of new treatments on patients, was opened at King's College Hospital medical school, London, yesterday. The unit, of 12 beds in three wards, each equipped with the latest microprocessor-controlled electronic monitoring and scanning instruments, has cost £1 million. The building is shared between the department of medicine of King's College Hospital and the Wellcome Foundation drug company, which paid for

Two issues provide a common bond between them. One is covered by the phrase "drugs are not safe", which Alan McGregor, professor of endocrinology, says he impresses on his students. Professor McGregor describes the other as "the ethical dilemmas applicable equally to the use of well people to test new drugs and to the management of patients prepared to take part in trials of new

therapies". Only a handful of the thousands of new substances produced in every leading drug company's research laboratories reaches the first stage ment can take a year or more.

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Volunteers are to be used as guinea pigs for drug research at a new London medical unit, Pearce Wright reports



A volunteer's heart beat is checked at the new unit

of human trials. Dr John Posner, the Wellcome scientist directing the research of putting new products into man for the first time, says an initial study is usually conducted with beweeen six and 12 volunteers. Data assess-

Healthy human "guinea pig" studies of a new drug are the first mandatory trials of any potential new medicine before a pharmaceutical company applies for a licence for the drug's use from the government's committee on the safety of medicines.

Under the Medicines Act no regulations to protect

volunteers cover these trials. The experimenters are expected to abide by a code proposed by the Royal College of Physicians in 1986 and get the agreement of the particular

drug company's ethical committee, which should include independent medical advisers. At the King's clinical investigation unit, all trials must also satisfy the hospital's ethical committee. Wellcome recruits well volunteers only

from its employees for trials at research laboratories or in hospital by arrangement with one of London's big teaching hospitals.

Dr Posner says there is a strong case for studies of

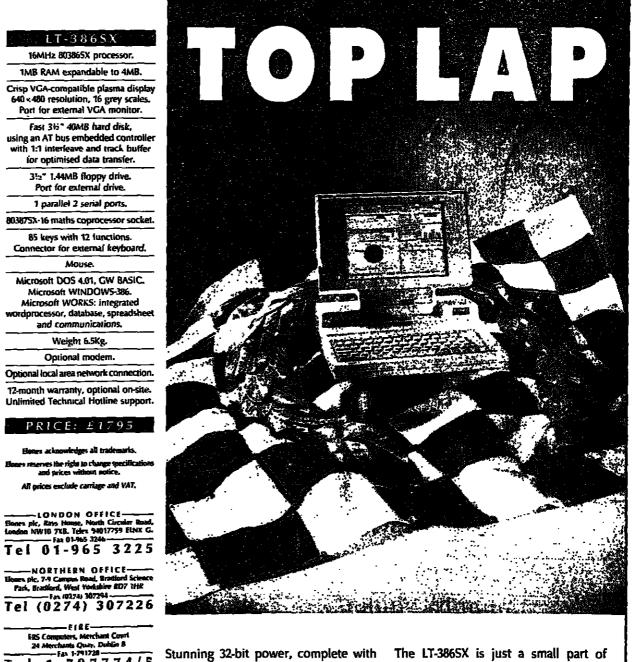
certain types of pharmacologically active substances, particularly those designed for cardiovascular, respiratory and anti-allergic effects, to be conducted in hospital, where a variety of expertise is at band, especially in emergency and intensive care. Any trials involving pa

tients must be made with their informed consent and signed agreement and understanding according to Professor Mc-Gregor. "Above all," he says, "they must be told they have an absolute right to refuse and their decision in no way jeopardises the future management of their illness."

He separates the ethical issues for trials with patients into three categories: treatments for which satisfactory therapies exist, unsatisfactory treatments and conditions for which there are no treatments.

He adds: "It is ethically difficult to justify stopping an effective therapy for patients in the first group just to try something new. A better case could be made more easily for trials with the other two groups.

Dr Posner says the purpose of healthy volunteer trials is to establish precisely how a drug is absorbed, distributed and broken down and the resulting by-products excreted, and what possible sideeffects occur. From these findings, his group recommends abandoning the drug or showing the safe concentration that can be allowed in the blood stream without side-



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Fans who fail to get into the centre court at Wimbledon will be able to watch a whole new wall game on a

huge video screen. George Cole reports

imbledon spectactors without centre court tickets for this year's tennis championships will still be able to see the live matches - on a new type of vast video display screen.

Conventional outdoor video screens are made from an array of lamps or picture tubes. The NitStar Vidiwall uses liquid crystal display (LCD) technology similar to that found on pocket televisions and calculator dis-plays. The Nit is a unit of brightness.

Displays are assembled from a series of LCD "tiles", each measuring 35 sq cm and com-posed of 256 picture points or pixels, the video equivalent of the dots that make up a newspaper photograph.

Screens are constructed by slotting the tiles into a frame, and although Philips, the Dutch electronics company that developed the system, offers three standard-size displays, screens can

be made to order. Several advantages are claimed for Vidiwall over conventional video systems:

 The colour pictures are not washed out when direct sunlight

shines on to them. ● The tiles have a lifetime of more than 23,000 hours, compared with the 7,000 to 10,000 hours for normal displays. Unlike lamps and picture tubes,

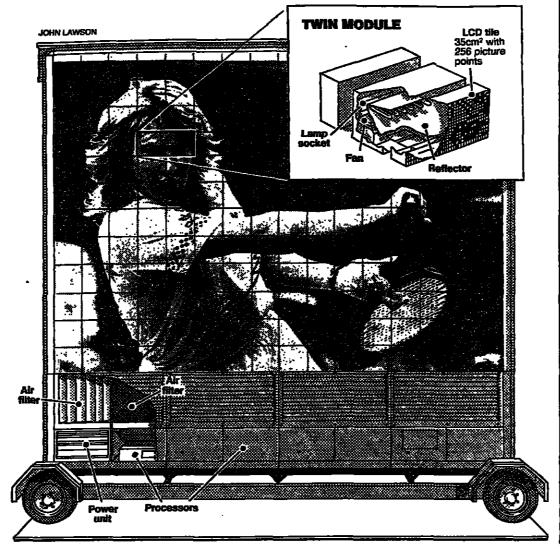
LCD displays do not lose their brightness as they age.
A screen costs £25,000 a square metre, which is competitive with conventional outdoor video systems. Screens can display video images from various sources and overlay them with computergenerated text or graphics.

If necessary, the system is controlled by a computer and can even be operated from a distance via telephone or data lines.

The first three displays are being set up at Wimbledon, at the ground of Dutch football team PSV Eindhoven, and outside a cinema in Antwerp, Belgium, where film trailers will be shown. The makers say the system could be used at pop concerts and for electronic bill boarding.

The company is also working on a version that will display highdefinition television (HDTV) with pictures as sharp as 35mm film. There are no plans for a

domestic version. Jos Van de Loo, manager of Philips's Vidiwall division, says the equipment was designed for outdoor applications and "home systems would require an entirely different technology".



# Engineering an end to dire skills shortage

By setting up links with schools and youngsters, enterpology (IT) organisations are tackling a serious skills shortage at its source to ensure there are enough staff in the future.

Switch on to Engineering", a seminar taking place today at the National Westminster Hall in London, for example, is aimed at encouraging more companies to offer jobs to school leavers before they go on to further education.

The event is the latest initiative in a line of planned events, including formal links with every school, work placements, promotional material and career books. to raise the profile of a career in The Engineering Council, to

improve young people's image of the industry, has produced a new degree aimed at emphasising the interdisciplinary nature of en-The council sets the standards

for the training of all categories of engineers. It has 300 affiliated organisations, including the British Computer Society. in an attempt to answer criti-

cisms that careers in engineering can be ill-rewarded, the council points out that a quarter of all chartered engineers, the highestqualified professional category. now earn more than £28,000 a year and one in ten earns more than £35,500 a year.

There are concerns that the industry will be harder hit than most when the demographic downturn begins to bite in the Nineties as the number of entries

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ence is falling more quickly than the number of entries for A-level

as a whole. In physics, for example, Joint Matriculation Board A-level entries fell by 18 per cent between 1985 and 1987.

"Whereas Japan. with 4.7 applicants for every place, can pick and choose, in the UK there are only about as many qualified applicants as places." Alan Smithers, of the University of Manchester, told a conference on engineering and higher education earlier this year.

The Engineering Council, with £612,000 from the Department of Trade and Industry, has started a project to link 1,500 engineers to 450 secondary schools. It aims to extend the scheme to 6,000 schools.

A new degree course is being piloted this year at a number of universities and polytechnics to make a career in engineering more accessible and attractive to those without traditional qualifications such as A-level physics.

The integrated engineering degree aims to give students a broad study of engineering disciplines on the grounds that most students are initially unclear which career they

want to pursue.

Many large computer firms fund competitions and video awards to improve IT's image and to encourage girls to design and produce publicity material relat-ing to a career in IT.

LESLIE TILLEY

Research on Japanese oratory mice predisposed to develop diabetes has esearch on Japanese labshown how the human disease may be treated one day by gene therapy. Insulin-dependent, or

type-I, diabetes mellitus is on the increase. It starts in childhood and there are 187,000 sufferers in Britain. According to figures from the British Diabetic Association, diabetes in all its forms cost the National Health service an estimated £360 million in 1988 alone. The disease has severe and distressing complications and is a prime cause of blindness in the estern world.

Although its exact cause is unknown, diabetes is believed to develop when the body's immune system turns against the so-called beta cells in the pancreas that produce the hormone insulin.

The immune system distinguishes between the body's own cells and an interloper, such as a Gene weapons in the war on diabetes Researchers working in Britain, Japan and Australia find the same clues to an age-old problem

made up of smaller molecules

called amino acids, joined in a

specified order. In 1987, analysing bacterium. But in auto-immune diseases such as type-I diabetes, the system fails. More than half of the association of HLA antigens with diabetes, researchers at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, all diabetes cases appear connected with recognition signposts, and Stanford University, Califorcalled HLA antigens in humans. nia, discovered that changing the amino acid aspartate, 57th in the These are molecules on the cell surfaces controlling the immune chain, which researchers call asp-57, could give resistance against auto-immune diabetes. Dr Hugh system's response to infection. Every human carries HLA anti-McDevitt, who made the discovgens of several kinds, varying ery, and his colleagues concluded from person to person. Particular that asp-57 protects against in-sulin-diabetes mellitus, but the protection would be lost if aspar-tate were replaced by serine or HLA variants are often associated with an inherited susceptibility to certain diseases. HLA antigens are proteins,

valine, two other amino acids

often found at position 57. This

conclusion was based solely on work with Caucasian patients, and direct evidence has been lacking. This is where the mice helped.

Non-obese diabetic, or NOD, mice originated in Japan from highly inbred stock in which brothers and sisters were mated for more than 20 generations and are genetically predisposed to develop an auto-immune diabetes similar to the human disease. The inbred NOD mice have recognition antigens, confusingly called MHC antigens in mice, as distinct from the human HLA. First, they lack the antigen molecule I-E present in other mice strains. Second, they have an antigen called I-A NOD. Either could cause the disease in mice, but the I-A NOD molecule has serine, not aspartate, at position 57, which suggests a link with the work showing that aspartate might pro-

tect against diabetes in humans. To test this, two groups reporting in this week's Nature - one led by Dr Ken-Ichi Yamamura, of Japan's Saga Medical School, and another by Dr Jacques Miller, of the Royal Melbourne Hospital in Australia – have genetically en-gineered NOD mice using genes with the instructions for making I-A molecules carrying aspartate at position 57. The researchers found the onset and scale of diabetes dramatically reduced, indicating that asp-57 is a protective. However, the artificially introduced I-A genes differ from the corresponding gene in NOD mice in more ways than just having aspartate at position 57. So there could be other aspects of the

Other experiments support this view by taking a slightly different route. The results, also in *Nature*, come from Dr Elizabeth Simpson, of the Clinical Research Centre in Harrow, London, her colleagues

molecule that guard against

Dr Torben Lund and Dr Anne Cooke, of University College London, and Dimitris Kioussis, of the National Institute for Medical

They have prevented diabetes in NOD mice by introducing genes coding for I-A molecules that differ at the 56th position the normal I-E molecules that NOD mice lack.

Researchers will still be fascinated by the 57th position amino acid, says Dr Peter Parham, a Stanford researcher, commenting in Nature on the findings. He thinks insulin-dependent diabetes may be a "heterogeneous collection of auto-immune diseases having a common outcome in the total destruction of pancreatic beta cells", and that work on NOD mice should shed light on at least some of these diseases.

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ritish scientists are embarking on a voyage of dis-covery which will, they hope, tell them everything there is to know about what makes an animal tick. The success of the project, a detailed analysis of a humble worm, will be vital if the

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international project to decipher the human genome, the blueprint each of us carries in the DNA in the nuclens of every cell of our body, is to become a reality.

The scientists, John Sulston and Alan Coulson of the Medical Research Council's laboratory of

molecular biology in Cambridge, are starting a pilot project to sequence the genome, or decode the biochemical blueprint, of an obscure worm called Caenorrhabduis

The project is being supported not only by the Medical Research Council, but by the United States National Institute of Health. The costs will be high, so why spend so much money, time and effort on trying to understand what most people would consider an insignificant creature?

The answer is that in genetic terms, the worm is a near-perfect example of an organism for the techniques the scientists want to develop if they are to gain a better knowledge of the more complicated genetic structures of humans.

You do not run before you can walk. When it comes to carrying out a programme as involved as mapping and sequencing the human genome, described a few years ago as "the handbook of man" by Sir Walter Bodmer, director of research for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, scientists have a lot of "premission training" to do.

The task of mapping and sequencing the human genome will be to determine precisely the chemi-cal order and combinations of the four molecules that make up the three billion substances found in human DNA. These four molecules, or bases, for convenience referred to by their first letter (G for guanine, C for cystine, A for adenine and T for thymine ) are used as a biological encryption system. When several thousand letters are strung together, they form biochemical codes, which we call genes, for the creation of complete human beings,

Because deciphering the message will reveal a vast amount of information for every conceivable aspect of health care and disease prevention, the task has been given an almost Apollo moon shot mission status by the world's scientific community. The human genome project has several parallels with the Apollo mission. The expense will be enormous, the time scale lengthy and a lot of technology has to be developed and proven before

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) had to

# DNA twist in the tale of a worm



Out to decode the biochemical blueprint of a tiny, obscure worm: Dr John Sulston and Alan Coulson

embark on pilot projects before the moonshot craft vehicle was eventually created. Molecular biologists are having to develop pilot programmes to prove the technology necessary to make the project a success. Mapping and sequencing the genome of a smaller animal is the logical approach. But it is surprising how small that animal has to be. Mapping and sequencing a mouse, for example, would be almost as complex as completing the human project. Going for, say, a fiftieth of the scale means going microscopic, which is why the two

scientists in Cambridge have started to sequence a microscopic worm.

The worm contains 959 cells. It was chosen more than 20 years ago as a subject for study in great detail so scientists already know much about its development from embryo

to adult. Dr Sulston says: "You

would not want to sequence anything you knew little about." That is because the process of sequencing involves delicate, repetitive and downright tedious chemistry. The four molecules contained within the DNA, which can be referred to as A, C, T and G, are

linked to form a continuous chain. An individual gene consists of anything from 2,000 to 100,000 of these molecules, or bases, strung together.

A group of substances known as restriction enzymes can be used as 'chemical scissors" to cut the whole DNA molecule into smaller pieces. These individual enzymes not only provide small pieces of DNA to work with, they tell which of the four molecules was on each side of

These fragments are then separated by a technique known as the next few years."

### electrophoresis. The end product can be "read" by either a person and, more recently, a machine. For the past few years, Dr Sulston and Mr Coulson have been obtaining

and storing them in bacteria and yeast. They also keep a map on computer of the fragments, which number 20,000. What they hope to achieve over the next three years is establishment of the most cost-effective ways of analysing fragments base by base. Evaluating the sequence-reading

machines will be part of this task.

large fragments of the worm's DNA

The chemicals involved in sequencing are expensive and methods have to be found for cost containment. The project management techniques that are developed should help to make the human genome project more affordable. Because of the degree of overlap, or similarity, between the worm DNA fragments, as little as 10 per cent of them will need to be sequenced to get a complete sequence detail. It will

probably cost millions of dollars. The real excitement of the work comes not from merely generating vast quantities of data but comparing worm sequence data with other sequences obtained from a variety of living things, which is known as looking for homologies. Two giant data banks, one in the United States and one in Europe, already hold perhaps 30 million bases of sequence data from plants and

aking speedy compari-sons between what has just been sequenced and what has already been sequenced will push computing technology to its limits, with the database set to grow by perhaps a million bases, which are the fundamental chemical units from which the DNA is assembled.

Specialists other than bio-chemists are being drawn to the project because the analysis of sequence data is essentially unravelling evolution itself. Some extraordinary homologies have been found in other work. For example, a piece of DNA found in ordinary yeast is a perfect match for two genes found in the Aids virus.

Dr Sulston and Mr Coulson believe much similarity will be found in the ways genes are constructed in both their microscopic worm and in man. And although reading the handbook of the worm is not going to cure man's ills overnight, it is likely to make a contribution in the medium term. The project could take as little as 10 years to complete, but science will

not be the rate-limiting factor.

Dr Sulston says: "More than anything else, we will be dependent on how strong western economies will remain and how well our funding keeps pace with costs over

## **Fusion** 'fraud'



Science, the official journal of the American Association for the Advance THE magazine ment of Science

and the leading American scientific journal, reports "worries about possible fraud" by a prominent laboratory that gave support to the discovery of a roomtemperature nuclear fusion process at Utah University last year that might produce a cheap, almost endless source

of energy. This is the first public suggestion that fraud may have tainted some of the dramatic results announced last year in that field. The allegations centre on results from a laboratory at Texas A&M University, whose work for more than a year has been cited as supporting evidence of the discovery of such a nuclear process.

### East joins East

SCIENCE in Europe is growing more influential as increasing numbers of top researchers from different countries collaborate with one another, according to a study published last week

The trend, which is expected to accelerate as poiitical changes sweep the researchers of eastern Euronean into the scientific mainstream, is being heralded in Europe as helping its industries to compete more aggressively with the United States and east Asian nations.

The study was carried out in the United States by Research Inc., a science analysis company in Haddon Heights, New Jersey, for the European

## Nasa's nightmare



the Hubble space telescope is giving con-trollers and engineers night-

its launching,

mares as they struggle to overcome difficulties with All will eventually go well, scientists and officials say, but

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Jean Olivier, deputy director of the Hubble project, last week sought to assure scientists at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society that the general condition of the spacecraft is excellent, and all of its malfunctions are understood and "resolvable".

## Tricks of the trade

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are suggestive of patterns reflected from many flowers in ultraviolet light, not visible to humans but irresistible to insects that feed on nectar and

In the journal Ecology, the researchers, Catherine L. Craig, an assistant professor of biology at Yale University, and Gary D. Bernard, an affiliate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Washington, report that some spiders weave their webs from silk that reflects little ultraviolet light, and then add the designs to the web with siik that strongly reflects such light. Decorated webs with the spiders present captured more than 50 per cent more insects than the undecorated webs.

### Satellite squabble



THE most expensive environmental research project ever mounted by the US federal govern-

ment is being challenged by Earth scientists who fear that it will compromise and distort the collection of data that is critically important to understanding how the global environment is changing.

The £30 billion project is the Earth Observing System (Eos), an elaborate array of six 15-ton satellites, remote sensors and new data-handling systems being planned by Nasa to learn how the global environment functions and is altered by human activity.

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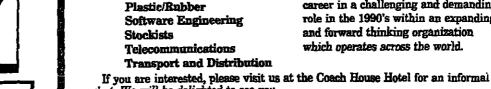
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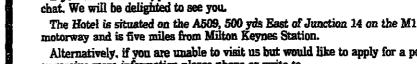
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# An ancient bone to pick over

his fossil face could be the best evidence yet that the line leading to humans was already distinct ten million years ago. But then again, maybe not. As with anything to do with the roots of humanity, opinion looks set to outstrip the evidence as researchers argue over every tiny feature on these, the rarest of fossil bones.

The face was found in September in the red sandstone of Macedonia in northern Greece. According to its discoverers, Dr Louis de Bonis, from the University of Poitiers, France, and his colleagues in Paris and Thessaloniki, it is the best specimen yet found of an ape-like animal known as Ouranopithecus macedoniensis.

Until now, the existence of this species was only known from jaws and teeth. Dr de Bonis and his team think the new find is good enough to show that Ouranopithecus was the direct ancestor of Australopithecus, the immediate ancestor (or first cousin, depending on your point of view) of Homo. This conclusion hangs on a knife-edge interpretation detailed in today's issue of *Nature* magazine. But other researchers will be quick to differ.

One of the problems, according to Dr Peter Andrews, of the Natural History Museum, is that Ouranopithecus was just one of several similar ape-like creatures hanging around the forests of the Miocene period ten million years ago. Researchers are still unsure which of these Miocene apes - if any gave rise to the human line

Before 1980, many people thought the ancestry of humanity could be traced to Ramapithecus, a Miocene ape from the Indian subcontinent. As better fossils were discovered, it became clear that

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Ramapithecus and another form, Sivapithecus, were the same thing. and more likely to be offshoots of the hominid stem rather than direct ancestors of human beings. Current thinking places Sivapithecus with the ancestors of the orang-utan

A second problem, apart from the diversity of Miocene apes, is that for the period between the Miocene and the Upper Phocene - an interval of six or seven million years - the evidence, slender at best, almost peters out altogether. So it is impossible to get any after-the-fact clues about which of the Miocene forms can be linked by ancestry with the African apes (the gorilla

and chimpanzee) and humanity.
Researchers have picked up the
thread at between three or four million years ago, when the presence of early forms of Australopithecus heralds the arrival of the human family.

Given all these problems, why do Dr de Bonis and his team choose Ouranopithecus? The answer lies, as it so often does with fossil hominids, in the teeth. Like Homo and Australopithecus, but unlike modern and fossil apes, the fossil's canine teeth are quite small. Male canines are usually much larger than those of females, and using what is known about Ouranopithecus teeth from other speci-



Roots of humanity? Opinion on this skull may outstrip the evidence

mens, the researchers assert that the new skull once belonged to a male. It is on this basis they propose Ouranopithecus as a direct ancestor of Homo and Australopithecus, and that it must have lived some time after African apes diverged from the

hominid line. If this is true, it means that apes and humans parted company (in evolutionary terms) at least ten million years ago. Many researchers will find this

hard to swallow: molecular evidence puts the divergence date much later than this, between five and eight million years ago. Dr Andrews finds room for doubt

in this interpretation. For one thing, canine tooth size is variable and the specimen might be a female, which would have had smaller canines irrespective of its evolutionary

econd, the new fossil is a bit of a mixture of primitive features found in many monkeys and all apes. As well, it has characteristics linking it with Homo, Australopithecus and the African apes, but not the orang-

This suite of features leaves room for two other views about where Ouranopithecus fits in the scheme of things, apart from that espoused by the researchers who dug up the new

First, it could fit in the hominid line immediately after the divergence of Sivapithecus and the rest of the orang-utan line. This would fit in with what is known about the fossil's age, but implies that it was the ancestor of African apes as well as the human family, and not just

Second, it seems in some respects so primitive that it could be ancestral to all the great apes, including the orang-utan. If this is true, it is odd (although not inconceivable) that such a primitive animal was around at such a late date, retaining its primitive features while living alongside its more advanced orang-like cousing vapithecus.

Whatever the outcome, palaeoanthropologists will be picking over this bone for some time to come.

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A statistical breakthrough: scientist Sir David Cox

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A personal award of £60,000 was made to Sir David, a Fellow of the Royal Society, Nuffield College, Oxford, by the Cancer Research Foundation. established by General Motors in New York. An additional £18,000 was awarded to fund scientific vorkshops. Sir David's pioneering

invention was a statistical method that solved the enormous practical problems of analysing complex data from clinical trials by providing more reliable assessments of new treatments. The award comes at a critical period in clinical trials, with growing pressure, particularly from Aids patients, for swifter trials and short cuts in testing new drugs that promise a treatment for intractable conditions. The Cox model also harmful effects, described in a ladder.

BRITISH statistician, Sir landmark paper, "Regression models and life-tables", published in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society.

Before the method was available, scientists made assumptions about patient survival time, a process sometimes leading to erroneous conclusions. Scientists can now evaluate data accurately when, naturally, they do not know how long all of the patients will live after the study is completed. Sir David's model allows reliable analysis of data without the assumptions. Medical investigators can assess and rank with accuracy the effects of treatment and other factors on the results of clinical trials.

Sir David shares the awards with Dr Webster Cavenee, McGill University, Dr Raymond White, University of Utah, for the first proof of cancer-prevention genes; and Dr Mark Ptashne, of Harvard, who discovered a genetic switch that regulates genes in a simple organism and showed that the same principles apply allows early detection of all along the evolutionary

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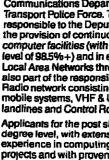
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# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists are putting plant-based materials to better uses. Nick Nuttall reports

ars made from straw, aircraft parts from palm trees and biodegradable plastics from wood pulp and turnips are just some of the tantalising possibilities being ex-amined by scientists returning to nature for clues to better materials of the future.

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In 1982 the American journal Science suggested that mankind's over-dependence on the petroleum industry for consumer and building materials would be a passing fancy. Eight years later an increasing number of researchers in Europe, the United States and Japan are beginning to agree.
One of the centres pioneering

work into plant fibres for high-technology materials is the Biocomposites Centre at the University of Wales set up a year ago with Welsh Development Agency and industry backing.

Dr James Bolton, a wood physicist who heads the centre, says super-strong, super-light, plant-based materials offer enormous benefits over their manmade rivals. "On a strength-perunit weight they are comparable and cost a third less than glass fibres, about a fifteenth of Kevlar and a thirtieth of carbon.

"They are from a renewable resource, which has implications in terms of burning fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions of carbon dioxide, and take far less energy to process when compared with glass fibres." Plant-based materials, for use in

everything from the automotive industry to marine engineering, are also highly recyclable. Glass

Making the most of nature's gifts

be incinerated to make electricity because by-products clog up boilers. Plant reinforced materials have none of these drawbacks.

The advantages of wood, straw, flax and palm fibres have been suspected for some time but the drawbacks to using them commercially have been insuperable until now. The main problem has been that fibres attract water leading to enormous swelling, which shears composite materials apart.

An idea patented by the University of Wales promises to end this problem and to give plant-based materials unusual properties. Researchers are using a process that pulps the wood cheaply before modifying the fibres' chemical groups to repel water without destroying their ability to bind. The technique uses so-called di-functional reagents, which attach to the water-attracting hy-

fibre-reinforced products cannot be incinerated to make electricity because by-products clog up boiliotal control over the surface chemistry", other interesting possibilities are emerging. Fire-retardent chemicals, which will never leak into the environment, can be attached.

The team has identified flax fibres as being the strongest, but this could be because their process extracts more complete flax fibres. Dr Bolton says that between 30 and 70 per cent of fibres are

traditionally used in composites. While manufacturers are dis-cussing all-plastic cars made from composites, Dr Bolton believes "a large part, if not all, of a car could be made from plant fibre-reinforced materials".

At the University of Minnesota in the United States, another team is studying ways of turning the millions of tons of pulp waste burned every year into biodegrad-

able plastics. These scientists have battled for some time to harness the pulp waste material lignin, which is broken down naturally by micro-organisms. Led by Simo Sarkanen, associate professor of wood chemistry, the research promises to deliver a simple, cost-effective method of transforming wood waste into plastic. The researchers have found that the substance, which can involve three kinds of molecular units linked in up to 10 different ways, appears to follow structural rules after wood has been pulped.

Much of the work is secret for commercial reasons, but the team is understood to be using these new chemical rules to develop ways of synthesising films of light derived plastice.

lignin-derived plastics.

Meanwhile Japanese researchers are studying chitin, a material made by shellfish, which is claimed to offer remarkable wound-healing properties.

It is not just plants that are being re-evaluated, ICI has just launched commercially another biodegradable plastic made by bacteria alicaligenes europhus called Biopol, and in the US other genetically engineered bugs are spinning Golden Orb spider silk for the army.

Dr Stephen Lombardi, of the army's Natick centre, near Boston, says his team hopes to turn the silk, which is stronger than steel, into bullet-proof vests, belmets and parachute cords. Silk stockings may have a mass-market comeback, too. Spider silk appears cheaper and faster to make than that from Chinese silk worms.





All done: BA's new service checks in a passenger with high tech

hecking in at the airport may be a slightly shorter and less frustrating process from

British Airways is equipping staff at check-in desks with handheld computers linked to the central booking computer by radio. When queues build up an official will look for passengers with hand luggage only, check them in on the computer and give them a boarding

In this way, the queue is shortened for everybody and those who travel light do not have to wait behind the inevitable family that appears to be moving house.

Cabin staff will also have the hand-held terminals, enabling them to identify every passenger from the data loaded into them over the radio link. They will be able to put information about sales of duty-free goods on to the computers, and write their voyage reports, all being sent automatically to the main computer over the radio link and then by satellite, exploiting the Skyphone telephone radio service now under trial for British Airways.

# High-flying ideas from BA

Computers for check-in and cabin staff are part of a huge investment in information technology to serve the passenger of the future, says John Watson, the British Airways director of information management. The airline is developing database technology to store information about the history, needs and preferences of passengers. "We will be developing a better understanding of each customer and presenting the information to our agents, either at the booking stage, the check-in or the cabin staff," Mr Watson says.

The database will enable computerisation of the process of buying and using an airline ticket. At present about 70 per cent of airline ticketing paperwork is done

In about five years' time, Mr Watson says, automatic ticketing systems will enter service. A passenger will book a flight at a computer terminal, either at a local travel agent or, if he is a frequent

The British airline is

using new computers to make life easier

for its passengers

traveller, at an automatic machine similar to the ticket machines that have come into service on British Airways' Super Shuttle flights. The booking operation would

include pressing a thumb on to a pad, allowing the computer to scan the thumbprint and store the image. This image would stay with the database entry for that passenger, allowing instant identification at all points on a flight. The idea is not just a convenience for the airline, Mr Watson says, but will tighten security substantially.

Once a passenger has checked in, all the details will be sent from the central database, including the

mation needs to be as simple as possible to encourage staff to do it properly. At present voyage reports passenger's requirements such as are written on paper, a system that non-smoking accommodation, exdoes not encourage full reports or tra leg room, special dietary needs, easy collation of the data any disabilities or medical con-ditions and even simple pref-erences for window or aisle seats. Just as important from the

Life while the airliner is in the air will also become more leisurely, Mr Watson says. British Airways is already testing television sets that fit in the backs of seats so that passengers can watch videos of their own choice.

simply by dictating into the port-

able computer. Entering infor-

In the future, passengers will be able to use the television sets to book hotels and hire cars at their destination, as well as confirming or changing travel arrangements. Catalogues on video disc will allow in-flight shopping, with goods awaiting passengers at their destination or posted back home.
The data will be transmitted by satellite, as will all the usual communications now available only in offices on terra firma, such as telephone, telex and facsimile.

**Chancery Division** 

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

# Law Report June 21 1990

# Official Solicitor's role in compensation

In re G (a Minor) Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment June 14] On an application for leave to apply to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board in respect of a claim made on behalf of a ward, the court should consider (a) whether the claim were arguable, and if it were (b) whether it would be in the ward's interests to pursue it.
It was, however, for the board not for the court, to evaluate the material on which the claim was

Court of Appeal

The Official Solicitor, who was an officer of the court frequently charged with the duty of acting as guardian ad litem in such cases, was in a special position. It would be rare for the court to find that such an application made by him were inappropriate for the grant of

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Of-

SLOSS referred to a finding made by Mr Justice Sheldon on wards her at a time when she was in his care, although falling far short in respect of the standard of proof necessary in criminal proceedings, had nevertheless been over-familiar and sexually inappropriate amounting in its context to sexual abuse (see [1987] I WLR 1461, 1469).

Her Ladyship said that the idge had confirmed the wardship but made an order continsnip our made an order contin-uing limited supervised access to the father. By 1989 it was thought that such access had become disadvantageous to the child and on an application to Mr. Insure Ratice he ordered Mr Justice Rattee he ordered that it be terminated.

ficial Solicitor, acting as guardian ad litem for the ward, from Mr Justice Rance's refusal of

leave to apply to the board in respect of the ward's claim.

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Mr Richard H. Bond for the guardian ad litem; Mr Andrew Kirkwood, QC and Mrs Suzan Matthews for the father.

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Mrs Suzan Mrs Suzan Matthews for the father. LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

the main hearing of the ward-ship application in 1987 that the conduct of the ward's father towards her at a time when she

It was at the end of that hearing that the Official Solici-

reasonable prospect of success and that to bring it would be contrary to the interests of the

The judge had been conscious of the high degree of hostility between parties in the case, and that had had a marked affect on the approach he had adopted. He had been anxious to reduce Her Ladyship referred to

Practice Direction (Ward: Criminal Injury) (1988) I WLR 33).
Applications for leave were as a matter of normal practice made ex parte, so that in the ordinary way the father would not have had any knowledge that the application was being made. In the circumstances of the present case, he knew of it and strenuously opposed it.

The judge found that there had been no violent sex abuse to constitute a crime of violence and that the claim was not in the interests of the child. However,

Regina v Robertson

[Judgment May 22]

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Mantell

Traffic wardens deserved the

protection of the courts in

25, 1990 by Judge Clarkson at

the Official Solicitor considered that the child had a claim which might succeed before the board on the basis of the facts found by Mr Justice Sheldon and it was for the board to see if the facts were sufficient to justify an ex gratia payment.

The claim to the board would be made by way of written application, with consideration on paper. It was unlikely to proceed to an oral hearing, but even if that were so, the child and her maternal family would not be involved.

With regard to the question of whether there had been a crime of violence, in her Ladyship's view, it was not for the judge hearing the application for leave to try the very issue which was within the specific remit of the board.

The court was a filter and its approach was a mer and its approach was analogous to that adopted on applications for leave to apply for judicial review, namely "Is the application hopeless or is it arguable?" The approach was not: "Will it succeed?"

If it were hopeless or unarguable, it was for the court to say that it was not a proper case to

Jail an appropriate sentence for

assault on traffic wardens

Middlesex Guildhall Crown

Court on the appellant's conviction of an assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Mr Richard Kingsley, as-signed by the Registrar of Crim-

inal Appeals, for the appellant,

giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was

convicted of striking a female traffic warden across the face

with the back of his hand when

she was attempting to place a parking ticket on his motor car,

which he had parked illegally on

When sentencing, the judge said that traffic wardens de-served the protection of the

Concurrent sentence on unrelated

offence was incorrect

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MR JUSTICE MANTELL,

go forward. If it were arguable, then the court had to go on to consider whether it was in the child's interests for the claim to

instant case, her Ladyship con-cluded both that the claim was arguable and that it was in the interests of the child to continue. The judge had mis-directed himself both in considering that the claim was not proper to go forward and in overstressing the adverse affect which it would have on the

Her Ladyship drew attention to the special situation of the Official Solicitor with regard to applications of the present type. He had great experience and was, in any event, an officer of the court. It could only rarely be necessary for the court to find such an application made by him was frivolous or nappropriate.

Her Ladyship would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Taylor and the Master of the Rolls agreed. Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Thomas Eggar Verrall Bowles, Horsham,

courts from such behaviour.

It was becoming apparent that when in charge of motor cars many people behaved in a manner much more aggressively

than would be normal to them.

Those who attacked traffic war-

dens must expect an immediate

However, notwithstanding the lack of mitigation which

would have been available had the appellant pleaded guilty, the injury inflicted was not serious. What was necessary in the

instant case was a taste of

prison. A sentence of three months would have been sufficient for the purpose.

Their Lordships agreed.

custodial sentence.

# Company law notice can be served by foreign post company for the giving of notice to him. difficulty relating to the summoning of meetings that

airline's point of view, passengers

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But will the airlines use this

system to carry less complimentary

information about passengers? Will past incidents of drunken

behaviour or smoking a pipe in the

toilet, be recorded? Mr Watson

says such information would be

barred because all information would be open to the passenger

concerned under the Data Protec-

information, things that you like,

not things you did to us that we did not like," he says.

enter information on passengers

into a computerised voyage report,

"We will record positive

The cabin crews will be able to

credit account debited.

tion Act.

Parkstone Ltd v Gulf Guarantee Bank plc Before Mr Justice Warner [Judgment May 16]

A notice served by a company A notice served by a company on a member of the company pursuant to article 131 in Part I of Table A in the First Schedule to the Companies Act 1948 might, in the case of a member having a registered address out-side the United Kingdom, be sent by post to the member at that address. The words "in the ordinary course of post" in article 131 were not confined to

post within the UK. Mr Justice Warner so held in the Chancery Division in refus-ing an application by the plain-tiff. Parkstone Ltd, for an injunction to restrain the defen-dant, Gulf Guarantee Bank plc. from forfeiting partly paid shares held by the plaintiff, Parkstone Ltd, in Gulf.

Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Michael Todd for Parkstone; Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr Charles Turnbull for Guif.

MR JUSTICE WARNER said that in an action by Parkstone, a company incorporated in Gibraltar, relating to unpaid calls on partly paid shares in Gulf Guarantee Bank, an English company, an inter-locutory application had earlier been granted restraining Gulf until trial of the action from forfeiting any of Parkstone's partly paid shares in the capital of Gulf.

There was now before his Lordship an application for continuation of that injunction or, in the alternative, an injunction restraining Gulf until trial from relying on a notice dated February 16. 1990 sent to Parkstone in Gibraliar about the unpaid calls.

The claim was that in being sent to Gibraltar, the notice was not properly served because Parkstone had notified Gulf of a London address for service, Concerning Parkstone's pri-

mary claim, his Lordship had come to the conclusion that Parkstone had not shown that it had a real prospect of succeed-

Turning to Parkstone's alter-native claim for an injunction restraining Gulf from relying on its notice of February 16 as to unpaid calls on shares, which had been sent to Gibraliar and not to the London address, his Lordship said a question of construction arose on the regulations to do with notices in Table A of the Companies Act

Regulation 131 provided: "A notice may be given by the company to any member either personlly or by sending it by post to him or to his registered address, or (if he has no reg-istered address within the United Kingdom) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the

"Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of 24 hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post." Regulation 132 was about the

way in which the company might give a notice to the joint holders of a share and regulation 133 was about the way in which it could also a control of the control it could give notice to the person entitled to a share in con-sequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member. Regulation 134 provided that

notice of every general meeting was to be given in any manner before authorised to "(a) every member except those members who (having no registered address within the United Kingdom) have not supplied to the company an address within the United Kingdom for the giving of notices to them." After (b) and (c), the regulation concluded: "No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of

general meetings." Parkstone said that under regulation 131 it was not permissible for the company to serve a notice on a member whose registered address was outside the United Kingdom by sending it to him by post to that

If the member had supplied an address within the UK for the giving of notice to him, the notice might be sent to him by post to that address. Otherwise n had to be served personally in the case of a corporate member leaving it at its registered address.

Mr Potts relied on two authorities which he submitted showed that "in the ordinary course of post" meant "in the ordinary course of UK post".

One was In re The Union Hill Silver Co Ltd ((1870) 22 LT 400), where Vice-Chancellor Malins had construed the relevant provisions of the 1862 Act in the way he did because he said, to do otherwise would produce a most inconvenient result and would be opposed to the spirit and intention of the

The other case was In re Warden and Hotchkiss Ltd ([1945] Ch 270) where the relevant articles of association were in exactly the same terms as those in the 1862 Table A.

It was clear from the judgments of the Court of Appeal in that case that had the wording of the articles been materially different from the wording of those in the 1862 Table A, the result

might have been otherwise. In the 1948 Table A the particular inconvenience or

summoning of meetings that was the reason for Vice-Chancellor Malins' decision in the Union Hill Silver Company case, and which the Court of Appeal had had in mind in In re Warden and Hotchkiss, was overcome by regulation 134(a). so that there was no need to strain the meaning of regulation 131 in order to overcome it.

The phrase "in the ordinary course of post" in regulation 131 could be given its natural meaning. Such a phrase had to be interpreted in the light of the context in which it was used. Neither of the two cases was

authority for the proposition that the phrase "in the ordinary course of post" always meant in the ordinary course of UK post They were authority only for the proposition that it did so mean in the context of the 1862 Table A and of articles in the same or

On a straightforward reading of the first sentence of regulation 131 it afforded the company a choice of methods by which it might give notice to a member. in the case of any member it might give the notice to him either "personally" or "by send-ing it by post to him" or "by sending it by post to his registered address

Supposedly, the second of methods might be used where, for instance, the company knew that the member's true address differed from his registered address.

In the case of a member who had no registered address within the United Kingdom but who had supplied to the company an address within the UK for the giving of notice to him there was available to the company the additional method of sending the notice by post to the latter address.

Regulation 134(a) provided an incentive to such a member to supply an address in the United Kingdom for that purpose.

It was at least doubtful whether the concept of personal service was applicable in the case of service on a company in the absence of express provision as to how personal service should be effected.

His Lordship's conclusion was that Gulf's notice dated February 16, 1990 was effectively served on Parkstone.

Having reached that conclusion as a matter of construction of regulation 131, there was no need to express any opinion on a submission by counsel for Gulf. citing Stylo Shoes Ltd v Prices Tailors Ltd ([1960] Ch 396. 4O3) that it was sufficient that the notice was in fact received by Parkstone, that fact making it immaterial by what means it reached Parkstone.

Accordingly. Parkstone's application would be dismissed. Solicitors: Herbert Smith:

Boodle Hatfield.

# Successor in title can be person aggrieved

Times Investment Ltd v Sec-retary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord

Justice Parker

[Judgment June 12] A successor in title to land subject to a planning appeal could be a "person aggreed" for the purposes of challenging the planning decision under section 245 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

The Court of Appeal so held The Court of Appeal so neid in dismissing an appeal by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets from the judgment of Sir Frank Layfield, QC, who, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in October 1989, had held that the Court had power to that the court had power to entertain the application of Times investment Lid, recent purchaser of a property at Elder Street, Stepney, London.

In 1988 the previous owner of the property obtained planning permission, subject to restrictive conditions, for development. It appealed under section 36 of the 1971 Act and in a decision letter in April 1080 an a decision letter in April 1989 an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to hear the appeal discharged the conditions and imposed different ones.

Meanwhile, in January 1989, the property was sold and the property was sold and the purchaser sought by way of notice of motion to challenge the inspector's decision. The local planning authority conlocal planning authority con-tended that the purchaser, hav-ing no right of appeal under

refusal of planning permission. refusal of planning permission, was not a person aggrieved within the meaning of section 245(1) of the Act and thus had no locus standi to institute the proceedings. Section 245 of the 1971 Act

Court under this section." Mr Barry Payton for Tower Hamlets; Mr John Male for the appellant; the secretary of state

did not appear and was not represented.

the property and as any con-ditions imposed by the inspector in his decision letter continued to bind the property in the hands of the applicant, or any subsequent owner, the applicant was to be regarded as a person aggreed for the purposes of section 245.

Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Parker agreed. Solicitors: Mr Peter North, Bethnal Green; Ince & Co.

section 36 of the Act against a

carrying out their sometimes unpopular duties. Those who attacked them must expect to be provides: "(1) If any person ...
(b) is aggrieved by any action on the part of the secretary of state attacked them must expect to be visited with a sentence of imprisonment to be brought into effect immediately.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by George Trevor Robertson and reducing to three months a sentence of six months imprisonment imposed on April 25, 1990 by Judge Clarkson at to which this section applies and desires to question the validity of that action ... he may make an application to the High

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that in Turner v Secretary of State for Environment ((1974) 28 P & CR 123) Mr Justice Ackner decided that the words "person aggrieved" should not be restrictively construed: they applied, he said, to "any person who, in the ordinary sense of the word, is aggrieved by the

As the applicant had acquired

Attorney-general's Reference Justice Act 1988 by the Attor-(No 1 of 1990) Where a sentence of imprisonunduly lenient. ment was imposed on an of-

fender convicted of an attempt to pervert the course of justice. which was in no way part or parcel of other offences of which he was convicted, it was technically incorrect to make that sentence concurrent with the prison sentences imposed for the other offences. The Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Jowitt) so stated on May 11 when considering a reference under section 36 of the Criminal

ney-general in respect of a sentence which he regarded as On January 29, 1990 at

Liverpool Crown Court, John Cameron Atkinson, after pleading guilty, was sentenced by Judge Arthur to two years imprisonment on three counts of indecent assault of a male person, six months for taking an indecent photograph of a child, and six months for doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of justice (count 9), making a total of two years imprisonment concurrent. The Court of Appeal in-

creased the sentence on count 9 to 12 months and ordered it to run consecutively, making a total of three years.

THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE said that this was a bad case of attempting to pervert the

course of justice and 12 months was the minimum appropriate sentence in the circumstances. If that was made to run consecunively, the resulting total of three years was not excessive. Not without hesitation their Lordships had concluded that the sentence imposed by the judge was sufficiently out of line with what would properly have been imposed that they ought to

# warring **supporters**

From JOHN GOODBODY IN CAGLIARI

THE sporadic violence on the streets of Sardinia resumed again yesterday when 25 English supporters fought up to 500 Italians in the northern port of Olbia

Olbra.

Riot police were forced to fire warning shots over the heads of the two factions, and 22 Englishmen, some of whom had been drinking heavily, and one Sard were detained. Shop windows were smashed and cars

damaged.
"It was a battle, even war," a police spokesman in Olbia said yesterday. The trouble began when hundreds of local youths gathered to celebrate Italy's

victory over Czechoslovakia.

The Italians began jeering and insulting the visiting English and then bottles and stones were brown. A series of running fights then took place. When the police intervened an officer sustained serious head injuries.

Another police spokesman said: "We were able to catch the English but most of the Sards

escaped."

The incident was an unhappy prelude to England's final qualifying match against Egypt here tonight. The march to the stadium, which led to the problems of the problems of the problems. lems on Saturday, has been banned because no permit has

Four of the six people held after the violence last Saturday have been released without being charged. A fifth, Neil Egerton, from Liverpool, leaves hospital tomorrow with a broken leg and the sixth, Mark Chanman from Hemel Hempstead, has been given a six-

Despite these incidents, the level of hooliganism here has been unexceptional. The British government is relieved that so far the number of detentions (151) has been comparatively small given the fact that there were more than 5,000 supporters, mostly young men, staying on the island for a fortnight. Yet

on the island for a formight. Yet the government is still wary about the match against Egypt and particularly if England play on the mainland.

Because of the housing problems in Cagliari itself, the supporters have been dispersed around the island usually travearound the island, usually travelling to the capital only for the games. Most of the small incidents, such as that at Olbia, have flared up in towns and villages around the island.

Hooliganism tends to be at its most virulent when large groups gather together and this has only happened on match days. In-deed with the games ending at 10.45pm many supporters have had to travel for several hours to their housing and since the bars have been closed there has been little incentive to stay in

Cagliari.
On the mainland, things may be different. Crowds, for instance, would be much larger and housing much easier to find forces would also have only a few days to prepare rather than six months as has been the case in here. The police in Cagliari have not been taken unawares as occurred in Milan when a large group of West Germans went on the rampage.

John Williams, a sociologist at Leicester University and author of Hooligans Abroad, has pointed out that the police here have had a much higher profile than at the 1988 European championship with riot police deployed in the front line rather than held in reserve as occurred in West Germany. "The situation is over-determined by the requirements of law and order who rules the street, that is part of the crisis."

The crisis is one for sport and English football in particular, A repetition of the widespread violence involving English supporters such as occurred in Luxembourg in 1977 and Bonn 1981, can be contained only by intense policing.
Similarly, the situation in England itself is contained only

by employing 7,000 officers very Saturday to allow the League programme to continue moderately peacefully at a cost, largely borne by the public, of about £40 million.

The matches in Cagliari have taken place in a strict at-mosphere with up to 7,000 officers on duty. Everyone entering the stadium has been searched three times. Even plastic bottles, which might be used as missiles, have been con-

Matches not involving England have taken place in a different atmosphere, the feeling that sport is taking place. Wil-liams said: "Here in Cagliari there has been an eerie silence approaching the ground

The body of football may have been saved by the nec-

# Riot police Veil of secrecy betrays Robson

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, CAGLIARI

ENGLAND will walk along a familiar cliff tonight. As in the World Cup four years ago, they need to win their closing first-round fixture to be sure of staying in the competition, and in all probability they must do so again without Bryan Robson, and with an injured Lineker.

The aim, to beat Egypt in the Stadio Sant'Elia, is clear enough, but the prospects are otherwise deliberately clouded in confusion. Never before during his eight years as the national manager has Bobby Robson hidden his plans so meticulously and so thoroughly. His team is known only by his squad.

After information about his use of the sweeper system was leaked last week, he has sworn his players to secrecy. "Let's see how long they can keep it," he said yesterday during a press conference which may be the last he holds before an international match. No one would have known he faces such a dramatic farewell.

Relaxed and co-operative, he was more jovial than at any time during the last month. Asked how he felt about the prospect of England suffering a defeat as humiliating as that in 1950, when they lost 1-0 to the United States, he merely smiled and replied: "Thanks for pointing that out."

Lines of concern, though, creased the genial facade. The comment indicated that there are tiny cracks in his belief that his team will tomorrow be preparing for a journey to the Italian mainland rather than home. "There will be no lack of heart but, I tell you, I wish the skipper was there," he

There are misgivings, too, about the physical state of his only reliable goalscorer. The bed of Lineker's big toenail is infected, and he could not even wear a boot during training yesterday. He may require an injection to ease the pain, and a late fitness test to reassure Bobby Robson.

Hodge, the victim of a pulled hamstring, has been ruled out, but there are so many possible permutations that almost everybody else in the party is in contention for a place. Conversations here confirm that England have, overnight, changed from being a predictable stereotype to a refreshingly flexible unit.

In writing one team sheet, for the tie against The nds, Bobby Robson ridiculed suggestions that he was tactically rigid, and his players went on to prove that they could adapt. The plan was courageous and merited a greater reward. Will he now be brave enough to persist with

He should. With Wright as a sweeper, the defence is stronger and the distribution from the back is more precise. The full backs, who are generally more comfortable when going forward, are released, and the midfield is consequently more solid. Above all. Barnes and Waddle can be accommodated as more than lux-

**Hosts look to** 

Schillaci to

solve problem

SALVATORE Schillaci's goal

goalscorer they so badly need.



The advantages far out-weigh the disadvantages. Rather than being negative, as some might imagine, the sys-tem is more positive than the traditional domestic flat back four. When the full backs advance, the attack involves seven men instead of six. When the full backs retreat, the defence features five instead of four.

Apart from the numerical evidence, England, if they do earn the right to take on the best sides in the world, would benefit from re-acquainting themselves to the formation. Moreover, all of the players trust it and prefer it. There can be no case for rejecting the idea and returning to old,

Nevertheless, there is no need to rely on aerial power at the back, since the Egyptians strike almost exclusively on the ground, and at speed. Parker, who could counter such a threat, should replace Butcher as Walker's partner, and Stevens should be recalled to his usual position at right

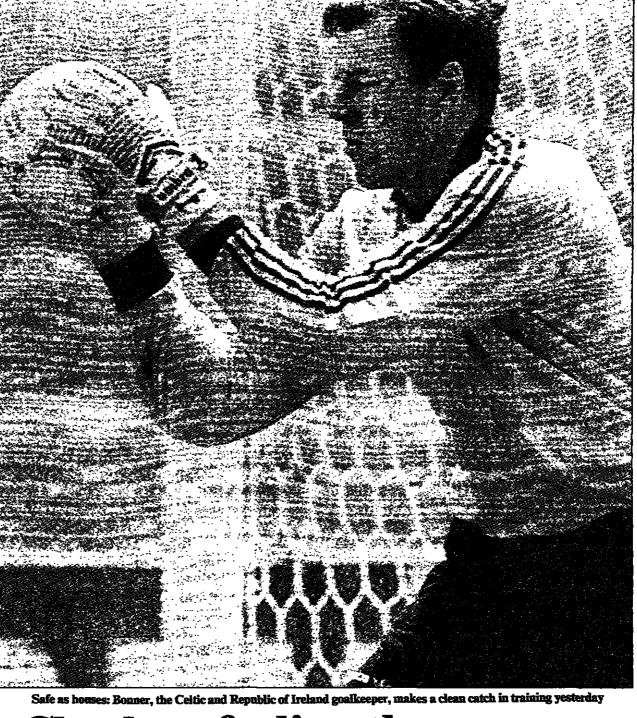
Steven and Dorigo would be more creative alternatives on the flanks, but it might be too risky to bring them in from the cold and throw them into the hottest of nights. The most likely change is that Mc-Mahon, rather than the less secure Platt, will act as the understudy for Bryan Robson.

There is no urgent need to alter a strike force which penetrated the Dutch on a handful of occasions. It was illuminated by Gascoigne, and his contribution should spur Barnes and Waddle, who have yet to fulfil their potential after more than 100 appearances between them.

Implicitly, Bobby Robson had them in mind when he said: "Some have threatened to be world-class players. It is about time they delivered." If not, England, like the Republic of Ireland and The Netherlands before them, could be drawn into an irritatingly frustrating deadlock.

"If we get in front," Bobby Robson said, "we will be OK." Lineker, who has scored seven of England's eight World Cup goals here and in Mexico, is the obvious candidate to achieve that objective, Egypt should beware. The last time he led the attack with a noisoned toe he scored twice gainst Poland, and ushered the side into the last 16 in

1986. Probable teams:
ENGLAND (3-4-3): 1 P Shilton (Derby County; 5 D Walker (Nottingham Forest), 14 M Wright (Derby County), 12 P Parker (Queen's Park Rangers), 2 G Stevens (Gasgow Rangers), 19 P Gescoligne (Tottenham Hotspur), 16 S McMahou (Liverpool), 3 S Peacce (Nottingham Forest); 8 C Weddle (Marselles), 10 G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), 11 J Barnes (Liverpool), EGTPT: (4-5-1); 1 A Shobeir; 2 I Hassan, 3 R Yassain, 4 H Ramzi, 5 H Yakan; 7 I Youssef, 8 M El Ghans, 10 G El Hamid, 20 A El Kass, 13 A Ramzi; 9 H Hassan. Probable teams:



# Charlton feeling the pressure

From CLIVE WHITE IN PALERMO

FOR the sake of the Republic of Ireland's interest in these World Cup finals, one would hope that Jack Charlton is very good at not relaying pressure to his players. Criticism of the Republic's miserable playing style became too much for Ireland's manstormed out of the official press conference within two minutes of its start.

The fact that not even a single prickly question had been hurled in Chariton's direction was an indication of just how particularly sensitive he is to criticism at the moment

One senses that the man who walked out on Newcastle United and Sheffield Wednesday when the bassle of daily club life became too much, is, on the eve of the most important match in the Republic's history, approachvears of unparalleled success. It just needs the loyal support which the Irish have continued to give England's 1966 World Cup hero during this championship to turn sour to be banking as much on the once for Charlton to call it a

On a day when brink-manship may be the quality needed above all else, the Irish are looking particularly edgy. Charlton has arrived at the scenario he most dreaded before the tournament began, that of needing a point against the Netherlands in the final group match.

"If we get a report at halftime that England are winning 3-0. I'm sure that neither us nor the Dutch would put their team at risk for the sake of another point," he said.

That pre-supposes that the Irish will have held their own over the first 45 minutes against a team as much in need as the Irish of improving their image.

The Netherlands manager, ing the crossroads of his own Leo Beenhakker, has been international career after four under considerably greater pressure than Charlton and so befitting one of Europe's more distinguished managers. Ireland's manager appears

continued uncharacteristic poor form of the big Dutch four, Gullit, van Basten, Rijkaard and Ronald Koeman, as he is on England's ability to get off to a flyer against the Egyptians. For his own team's part.

Beenhakker has warned that communications between himself and his players was improving. "We are talking more clearly," he said, "but I can only help them and tell them what's happened; the main part they have to do

The answer to this match may lie in how much either side has gone back in two years since the Republic gamely all but held on for a draw which would have removed the Dutch prematurely from the European finals. From that game, 10 of the 11 still remain in the Dutch

squad and for many of them,

far stood up to it in a manner like the Irish, this will be their first and last chance to perform with credit upon the world's biggest stage. Charlton will probably start

with the II that laboured their way to two mind-numbing draws against England and Egypt. The object of the exercise will be to harass and stretch the opposition until through sheer weariness or frustration it concedes a goal. The object has been and

never will be, as long as Chariton is manager, to entertain the paying public, "We're not as pretty as you would like us to be because we don't have that kind of player," Charlton said. One imagines that Messrs Brady, Whelan and O'Leary might have something to say about that.

METHERLANDS (1-3-33): 1 H van Braukslen; 4 R Koemin, 2 B van Aerie, 17 R Witschee, 5 A van Tiggelen, 3 F Rijkaard, 14 J van TSchip, 6 J Wooders, 15 B Roy, 10 R Guilk, 9 M van Basten. Sheedy (Evertori), 9 J Akirkige (Real Sociedad), 10 A Cassas Akirkige (Real

# Headliners who are a cut above their rivals

WORLD CUP

APART from the goalkeepers' jerseys, the hairstyles in this tournament also repay close attention when the football is somewhat less than enthralling. While some may say the game has never really recovered from the Kevin Keegan permanent wave, and that Chris Waddle deserves all the derision he receives from the terraces for his deserves all the dension he receives from the terraces for his highly original cut, there are pienty of players still determined to be different.

Roberto Baggio, of Italy, for example, along with Steve Bull,

of England, favours the cropped look — a nice contrast to his team-male, Giuseppe Giannini, who has a style that seems to be modelled on that of the Viz character, Billy the Fish.

respect, with the dreadlocked Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard taking pride of place, but the best all-round team must be Colombia. They have the incomparable Carlos Valderrama, comparable Carlos Valderrama, giving his impression of Dougal from Magic Roundabout, and good support from the flowing locks of Leonel Alvarez and Gabriel Jaime Gomez. Their goalkeeper, José René Higuita, like his American opposite number, Tony Meola, prefers the lion's mane.

## Turfed out

THE pitch at the Olympic Stadium in Rome is to be cut into 306,000 pieces and sold off at prices between £50 and £100 by Ottima, a Venice-based company, after the World Cup final on July 8. Ottima hopes to make £10 million, especially if Italy win the Cup. The Italian government, pointing out that the ground is public property, has claimed a share of the spoils.

## Bank holiday

BERTIN Ebwelle, of Cameroon a bank employee, will have to beg the forgiveness of his other manager if his team reaches the quarter-finals. "They're expect-ing me back at work on June 25-but I think they'll understand if we get through," he said.

# The fleet's in

EGYPT will be relying on their floating supporters to lift them to glory against England in Cagliari tonight. The merchant training ship, Aida III, docked in Cagliari yesterday with 249 cadets, crew and guests on board; the frigate El Zafir lies at anchor with a compolement of anchor with a complement of 300 sailors and cadets, and a cruise liner has arrived with another 400 team followers.

"There will be about 3,000 Egyptian supporters in all," Captain Ahmed Fahmy, a deputy director general of the Arab said. "It was planned to visit Palermo just to watch the first after what the cadets did to support the team, we received instructions to stay for the second match and then sail to

## A drawback

FIFA, preparing for the possible drawing of lots to sort out group F. has invited Jack Chariton along if a lucky dip is required Republic of Ireland's match against the Netherlands will finish at 10.45. Which would be fine, if there were not 600 miles between Palermo, where the game takes place, and Rome, where the draw will take place.

RICHARD WETHERELL

# Italian masters in the art of data manipulation

From KEN SHULMAN IN FLORENCE

for Italy against Czechoslovakia on Tuesday lifted him out of a AS THE players trotted back for the second half of England's match against the Netherlands last Saturday, Sandro Mazzola, ruck of 42 players with a goal apiece and gave the hosts hope might have found the once of Inter Milan and Italy, now the commentator for the thilius (WG), Michel (Sp), Völler 2: Marchillus (WG), Michel (Sp), Völler (WG).

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In the first 45 minutes of play, the Dutch midfield player had sprinted only five times from the halfway line towards the English goal. Gullit had not attempted to dribble past one English defender, had taken one shot on goal, and had produced one potential assist (a term denoting a pass leading to a goal). He had also lost the ball "This confirms the general

impression we've had from watching Ruud tonight." Mazzola said. "He is far from the dominating player we saw in the 1988 European Ецгорсац

The use of statistics in television and press coverage of football is a rapidly growing phenomenon in Italy. Whether to offer a new perspective on the sport, to underline a novelty or achievement, or to quantify the obvious, the RAI and Italy's three sports dailies are all buttressing their traditional football analyses with the judicious use of hard data during the World Cup.

Giuseppe Berti, an RAI-TV sports producer, said: "We believe that the television spectator enjoys watching a match undisturbed by figures floating ecross the screen. But we also believe that the experience of

watching a football match on television can be embellished with factual data." As standard fare, the RAI

offers a table at the end of each half listing the teams' shots on goal, saves, corners, fouls and offsides. At the end of each match, viewers are also given the total time elapsed during the match (94:07 for Engl Netherlands), the total time the ball was in play (54:15) and the time of possession for both teams (57 to 43 minutes in favour of the Netherlands.)

"We try to present our data as novelties or curiosities and not as bland statistics," Berti said. "Ideally, we'd like to offer a series of facts which will help to characterise this World Cup. But facts are often difficult to interpret. We recently did a study attempting to identify the roughest team in this year's aly's most widely read sports

tournament. Our statistics told us that Colombia led all nations with 50 fouls. But we also discovered that none of the Colombian players had received a yellow card."

After each match, the RAI uses an ingenious device known as Telebeam. A computer-aided abstraction of the television picture. Telebeam is used during the Italian season to effect a series of measurements. With Telebeam, technicians can calculate the distance (and speed) the ball travels on a long shot by for example, Matthaus or Scifo or confirm whether the South Korean defensive barrier was actually 10 yards away from Michel when he scored for Spain from a free kick. The Tele device can even be used to have a closer look at offside decisions.

space to statistics over the past six years. "We have a weekly chart based on information from our league showing which players are in top form, who is scoring

> which teams are best in the air. We even keep tabs on the referees." Candido Cannavo, the editor-in-chief, said. Cannavo has four full-time specialists who gather and process sports statistics. "In the United States, journalism is virtually based on the compilation and presentation of statistics, especially in sports like baseball and tennis," he said. "We think they can be quite useful when applied to football. If you choose the right set of

the most from outside the area.

numbers, you usually find an important story. While the Italian statisticians

daily, has devoted a growing may still be studying the science of data compilation, they have already become masters in the art of data manipulation. Most of this numerical engineering is intended to console the footballmad country for its team's failure to score.

The RAI pointed out that, as of Sunday night, 18 of the tournament's 53 goals were scored by players under contract Matthaus, Völler and Careca,) or by players who had once played in Italy (like, Kieft and And La Gazzetta tried to

muffle West Germany's thundering 4.5 goal-a-game average by reminding readers that, al-though the highest-scoring team has always reached the semifinals in the 13 World Cups, it has only won the tournament

Brezil v Scotland. Coverage of Belgium v Spain (4.0), Korea v Uruguay (6.0), England v Egypt (8.0), Republic of Iraland Ireland v Netherlands (10.0), Belgium v Spain (pp) and Korea v Uruguay (pp).

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## WORLD CUP FIXTURES

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## GROUP-BY-GROUP RESULTS AND TABLES **GROUP E**

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the last two years. "I discovered

that my head was too low on the backswing," he said. "I've now put that right and I am hitting

the ball fine again."
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cent Portmarnock course, which, bordered on three sides by either Dublin Bay or the Irish

by either Dubtin Bay or the Irish Sea, is more prope than other links to the vagaries of the wind. He has been installed as 6-1 favourite to win the full again, but will, even in the absence of Nick Faldo, out with an injured hand, still face suff opposition from Rodger Davis, winner of the Wang Four Stars tournament last week, Jose-Maria Olazabal, Mark McCumber, another visitor from the United

another visitor from the United States, Howard Clark, and four other winners on this year's Volvo Tour.

There is also the usual Irish

contingent attempting to pro-

# Beware the car hooters, Signor Baggio the Buddhist

SINCE arriving here I have spent a considerable amount of my time exploring the newly built international broadcast centre, the press centre and the Olympic Stadium, which reputedly has had a £140 million refurbishment to prepare it for the

As I have wandered around in a degree of wonderment at the facilities available to the football world, I must say that it further convinces me that the chances of England ever hosting a World Cup are extremely dim.

Never mind the lack of space available, to get anywhere near the facilities being offered by Italy football in our country would require massive financial support from the government to give us any chance of staging an event

Obviously, in the present climate that will not be forth-coming, and I doubt whether the situation will ever change. Not only is there criticism of the way we play at inter-national level, but our appreciation of what is required as regards spectator and media facilties means that we are operating on a completely different level to the best of the football world. We have become the poor

Having said that, the cost of this World Cup to Italy will only be justified if the host country wins the competition. Here football is a religion and no price is too high to pay if the gods are satisfied. But should that not occur, then the cost and consequent recriminations will be felt throughout this country.

There is an estimated financial burden of £3.5 billion involved in staging this World Cup, along with the death of more than 20 manual and construction workers as Italy has built stadiums to show the world how much football means to the majority of its population.

The first stage is over and this exciting Italian team has three opening games were won with no goals conceded in the GRAHAM TAYLOR

against Czechoslovakia to score both goals in a triumphant win to send the citizens of Rome into another night of car-hooting celebration.

No one at this moment in time cares about those billions and billions of lira but in the event of failure somebody will have to pay the price — and that responsibility lies with Azeglio Vicini, the Italian

Vicini is a man that I have yet to meet but who, in coaching and managing the national side, gains my utmost respect as a shrewd and calculating operator. The presimmense but he appears to carry them with dignity and an apparent air of calmness that is hard to comprehend.
What must be going on in

his mind? Is he really controlling and pulling all of the strings? Did he give the people the attacking partnership of Baggio and Schillaci for the Czechoslovakia game only? Or does he see the wonder boy, Vialli, and the hardworking but poor-finishing Camevale, as his best forward force in relation to the comparability of the rest of the

Why should his team have to win games by three and four goals when generally one is sufficient? But the West Germans and/or Brazilians will have to be met sooner or later and Italy might need more than one goal in those games. Ought Vicini not to prepare his team for that eventuality?

All of these questions will be answered in one way or the other but in the meantime his players continue to excite and players continue to excite and entertain at the highest level and they are indeed gods to their admiring footballing countrymen. Yet in the event of failure they will be sacrificied along with their guide and mentor, Vicini.

This country knows no

This country knows no delivered the goods so far. All other way. Love and hate come out of the same emotional pit Car hooting usually process, and the people's takes place before running choice of Baggio and Schillaci someone over. I need to talk someone over. I need to talk



One of the people's chosen: Baggio the goal-bagger sends the citizens home happy

# Hässler

ERBA (AP) - Thomas Hässler, hard to mourn them over-one of three West German much. The World Cup feels so players injured during Tues-day's draw with Colombia, may miss Sunday's second-round match. He has a strained left

فتست می

Uwe Bein, a midfield player, and Stefan Reuter, a defender, were limping from leg bruises but their manager, Franz Beck-enbauer, said both will be ready for the match in Milan.

West Germany's opponent will be decided by results of other first-round matches scheduled for yesterday and tomorrow. The West Germans finished first in group D, ahead of Yugoslavia and Colombia, who also qualified for the second phase.

The United Arab Emirates, with three defeats in as many group matches, were eliminated. The Germans beat the UAE 5-1 and drew 1-1 with Colombia after whipping Yugoslavia 4-1 in their opening game.

# Injury may Cuckoos pushed out of the nest keep out Rome Cuckoos pushed out of the nest America has a tendency to one can only enjoy their

THE United States football team - sah-kurr team, that is - is out of the World Cup. It is much more like the World Cup without them.

For in an odd way, the World Cup feels far more like global event than does the Olympic Games. This doesn't make sense, because there are only 24 nations represented here in Italy, and there were all of 170 nations at the Seoul Olympics. Nevertheless, it is

All the teams are here to play the one game. Football is unquestionably the world's game: it is the one game in which rich and poor, big and small, compete on equal terms. What is more, English is not the lingua franca here, as it is at the Olympics. At the World Cup, one is very much

The Romance languages



dominate. The lingua franca, if there is one, is a mangling of Italian and Spanish, which can be mutually understood, with mutual willingness. The Latin-based languages, the Latin races, outnumber the Anglophones: football is no longer English, and has not been so for years.

But the Olympic Games has tendency to anglophone domination - or to be less cagey, American domination. Often it seems that the Olympics are not a meeting of nations: they are a matter of America versus the rest of the world, "And it's Mary Decker-Slaney third," I once heard an American television commentator say, "with two Soviets first and second."

America has a tendency to take things over. One example is the world. The Olympic Games act as a splendid them. symbol of all that; never more presence; a cuckoo in the nest than in Los An 1984; the year of the Soviet not just the cuckoo's alien boycott and the United States

The great miracle of sport is that, without even playing the game, the Americans have now taken over the World Cup. The United States doesn't even have a proper professional league. I have a feeling that the 1994 World Cup in the United States will be weird beyond belief: a ghost tournament. Some of the matches could be in indoor arenas, I hear.

Orgy of Gold.

The United States came here with a kind of Third World football team - well. not quite as good as that. The World Cup is everybody's, and they did well to qualify. You can't blame them for lacking a football tradition:

one can only enjoy their efforts in trying to establish

But their side was an alien nature, but also the cuckoo's sense of ambition.

The fact that one of the world's major festivals takes place without America is an affront to them; an affront to their sense of self-esteem, and an affront to their marketing instincts. Dovè c'è sport, c'è Coca-Cola, says a poster here: where there is sport, there is Coca-Cola. And it is true, that's the pity of it.

What is more, the powerjunkies of football have been equally affronted by American absence from the tournament. All those dollars, and none of them in football. However, the FIFA men can die happy in the knowledge that at last the great honeypot has been opened.

# attains perfection

ROME (Reuter) - Roberto Baggio, at £8 million the most expensive footballer in the world, proved his worth on his World Cup debut for Italy and should no longer need to worry about watching his team from the substitutes bench. He partnered Schillact in an untried attacking partnership against Czechoslovakia on Tuesday night, when both scored in the 2-

0 win.

Baggio dazzled the 73,000strong Olympic Stadium crowd
with his dribbling skills and
penetrating pastes. His tireless
running paid off in the 77th
minute when he picked up the
ball just inside his own half, survived two tackles, dribbled survived two tackets, through into the penalty area and sent Stejskal the wrong way.

The Italian manager, Azeglio Vicini, had called up Baggio and Schillaci after July's diasappointing 1-0 win over the United States. Ever solid at the back, the favourites had struggled up front in their LO victory

gled up front in their 1-0 victory over Austria. The pair replaced Vialli, who was injured, and the disappointing Carnevale.
Schillaci had come on in both carlier matches as substitute. He

earlier matches as substitute. He scored the goal against Austria and headed Italy's first on Tuesday in the ninth minute. Despite saying that Vialli on form is fundamental to his team, Vicini will find it hard to shope a minute formula.

change a winning formula.

Italian newspapers, which slammed the squad after the American game, heaped praise on the new pairing. Baggio, who studies Buddhism and practises mediation. meditation, appeared a little shell-shocked after the match, nervous before the glare of the international media.

"I was a bit overawed in the first half," he said. "But my team-mates helped me. When scored I was so happy I could have kissed everyone, the crowd, every Italian, the whole

Vicini has found it hard to find a regular place for Baggio, who is an attacking midfield player rather than an outright

ltuly's win gave them maximum points in group A and ensured that they would play at Rome's awe-inspiring Olympic Stadium in the second round. TRALY (1-2-5-2): 1 W Zenga; 2 F Baresi; 3 G Bergomi, 6 R Ferri; 7 P Meidini, 10 N Berti, 11 F De Napoli (sub: 8 P Viscriowod), 14 G Giennini, 17 R Donadoni (sub: 4 L de Agostini); 15 R Baggio, 19 S Schilleci. Baggio, 19 S Schliect. CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1-2-5-2): 1, J Stej-skal, 3 M Kadiec. 15 V Kiner. 4 I Massk., 7 M Blee, 8 J Chovenec. 11 L Moravch. 14 V Weiss (sub 19 S Grigs). 20 V Memecsk. 10 7 Skuhrany. 17 I Knofilcek. Referes: J Cusnou (France).

• In Florence, in the same group, second-half goals by Andreas Ogris and Gerhard Rodax earned Austria a 2-1 win over the United States in a badtempered match that produced one sending-off and eight book-ings. Austria kept alive their slim hopes of reaching the second round as one of the four

pitch to score in the 51st minute minutes later to liven up a dour aggressive match which saw the Austrian, Peter Artner, sent off for a two-footed tackle and five bookings in the first half alone. The match was littered with late tackling and ferocious

The Americans, playing in their first World Cup finals for 40 years, scored a consolation goal through Murray eight min-utes from time. The goal lifted the Americans, who had several chances to snatch a late equaliser.

AUSTRIA: 1 K Lindenberger; 2 E Aigner, S R Pecl. 4 A Pfeffer, 18 M Streiter, 6 M Zsak, 8 P Artner, 20 A Herzog (auc. 16 A Reisinger), 13 A Ogris, 9 T Poister, 14 G Rodex. Roder.

UNITED \$TATES: 1 A Mecks; 3 J Doyle, 4
J Bards (sub: 11 E Wynaida), 5 M
Windischmann, 15 D Armstrong, 6
Markes, 16 B Murray, 16 M Bathoa, 20 P
Caliguri (sub: 8 B Bissa), 7 T Ramos, 10 P
Vermes.
Referee: Jamal Al-Sharif (Syrta). **GOLF** 

# Irish Open rivals hope troubles rest in Medinah

IN DUBLIN

THE last seven days have not on the whole, been happy ones for Mark Calcavecchia, to such an extent that it was with some relief that he has escaped to the Republic of Ireland to play in the Carrolls Irish Open, which starts here today.

The American, the Open champion, was one of his country's favourites for last week's US Open at Medinah, but he missed the cut, finished his second round with six straight fives and was last seen snapping his metal-headed driver over his knoc in frustration.

Even on arrival at Port-marnock, Calcavecchia's for-tunes did not improve significantly. He stepped up on to the first tee for the pre-tournament shoot-out on Tuesday, hit his drive and on walking up to find his ball found that some lightfingered cruzen had absconded

fingered citizen had absconded with another addition to his souvenir cabinet.

Calcavecthia, seen looking for a replacement club yesterday (wanted: one metal-headed driver with 8 loft and an extra stiff boron-graphite shaft), may feel, if his search yields fruit, that things can only get better, a feeling not shared this time last need by Jan Woosnam week by lan Woosnam.

Woosnam was so disgusted with his form before the US Open that he cut out of a pre-tournament practice round and went to work on his swing. This succeeded to such an extent that he is now in a bouyant mood as he prepares to defend the title he has won for

vide the first home winner since John O'Leary in 1982. Ronan Rafferty leads the troops, but the eyes of some of the crowd will also be focused on Eoghan O'Connell, aged 22, who officially becomes a professional when he steps on to the tee at 8.45 this morning.

# Happy Nicholas's serious business

From Patricia Davies in Brussels

ALISON Nicholas, a former women's Open champion, was a source of great amusement to her colleagues as they prepared for the £120,000 BMW Euro-Bercuit, near here, today.

The sight of Nicholas, one of the most successful professionals in Europe, with nearly £200,000 in winnings over the last four years, pulling her own trolley to the practice ground in preparation for one of the most lucrative tournaments in Europe caused the general much Far from being peeved, however, Nicholas laughed louder than anyone.

After three tournaments in the United States (she missed the cut twice), and parting company with Paul Clifford, her caddie for three-and-a-half years, she came home not out, but definitely down, and the ribbing of her friends raised her

"I don't enjoy it in America.and it's not just the golf," she said. "I don't think the lifestyle suits me. The longer I'm out there, the more I want to get home. My heart's not in it and it's desire and heart that get you

nywhere." Nicholas is a fighter and she now has something to aim for a place in the team against the Americans in Florida in November for what might be named the Atlantic Cup. Incidentally, all this uncertainty about the name could be solved by christening the match sim-ply, the Babe Bowl, after the great Babe Zaharias.

With the leading four Europe-ans in the Woolmark Order of Ment, after the Italian Open, qualifying automatically, Nicholas has 12 events to hauf herself up from seventeenth position. The first prize of £18,000 this week would make her a real contender for the whatchamacallit cup.

## **EQUESTRIANISM**

# **Cool Smith prospers** with positive effort

By a Special Correspondent

JANE Smith won the Mason two horses for the Hunter Championship, he picked the wrong one. Toulson decided to che Invincible, a targe and County Show, yesterday, on Ultra, and was third on A Little Trouble, the horse on which she jumped a clear round in the Queen Elizabeth Cup at the

It was a positive performance over a course that included a mad gallop to the last fence. "They [Ultra and A Little Trouble] were both quite crazy and dotty after jumping at the Royal International, so I put

them out in a field for a day to quieten them down," Smith said. "It paid off."

impressive heavyweight. But the winner was his second string, T Brown's Valley Prince, ridden by Jane Webber.

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Vin Toulson, having qualified

ridden by Jane Webber.

RESHLTS: Gradia A showlanding: 1 and a little Trouble U Smith; 2, R Owen's Ben Riz; (A Horst Hudsen Eight and res. V Hinchellie's Swift Croftor; 2, J Dewar's Aboey Saga; 3, Rudd's Vifes Decision. Thousen's Editional Sale Smith Hudsen (Sand) in the Croftor; 2, J Dewar's Aboey Saga; 3, Crofts' Gold Shend. Hudse (Sand) Sale Shend Hudse (Sand) Sale Shend Hudse (Sarge): 1 and champion, Thoulson, having qualified

### **LETTERS SPORTS**

## Support for the League

From Mr S. Nelson Sir, The letters on the subject of Swinton Town (June 14) all swinton town (June 14) an criticise the Football League's decision. I fully support the League, As Dr Lowry points out, Swindon's alleged misdemeanours may have affected their

It is right, therefore, that the club should not be promoted. The fact that this is a disappointment to their fans is irrelevant. The families of irrelevant. The families of crminals suffer when they are sent to prison, but few would think that a reason to let them go free. In any event, did not the supporters of the club wrongfully denied promotion by the mistlement of the characteristic supporters also thereby misdemeanours also thereby suffer? The Swindon fans should direct their wrath at their

snound direct their wrain at their chib, not at the League.

As regards Mr Leech's letter, there can be no analogy with the Heysel incident. The trouble there was caused by Liverpool contractors and by the chib, who supporters, not by the club, who were in no way to blame. In addition, this was not a Football

League game.
Finally, the fact that Swindon may have played football in a way to grace Anfield or Rome, as Mr Andrews states, is irrelevant if legally they have merited the punishment meted out. It is also irrelevant on other grounds. Teams are promoted for their success according to the rules of the compatition. Suindon havthe competition. Swindon having broken the rules, the promotion rightly goes to the runners-up in the play-offs, Sunderland. Let it not also be forgotten that Swindon, for all their graceful play, ended the season with six points fewer than Newcastle, which shows the absurdity of the play-off system by which Swin-don got to the first division in the first place the first place. Yours frithfully.

S. NELSON, 34 Acacia Close

Stanmore, Middlesex.

## Label worthy only of the highest class players From Mr L. Robertson

Sir, Having watched the openhope that British television and newspaper reporters will have learned the true meaning of that much-abused term, world class, and refrain from using it with such gay abandon during next season's domestic fixtures.

season's domestic fixtures.

Even at an early stage of the competition, the list of players who can lay claim to this description is impressive. Alemão, Baresi, Lacatus, Donadoni, Vialli, Careca and Matthaus are but a few who spring to mind. British players, however, are conspicuous by however, are conspicuous by their absence and, in my opin-ion, the only Briton since the

### Olympic money From the Chairman of the

Sports Council Sir, While fully supporting any move to reduce the tax burden on sport and, indeed, to provide tax incentives for sport, I have to take issue with the statement attributed to Caroline Searle, of the British Olympic Associ-ation, that the Sports Council does not now target money for the Olympic Games (June 14).

We last year introduced a coordinated approach to Olympic funding which, with the active involvement and agremeent of the BOA, led to a three-year £40 million package.

Such private sector com-panies as Minet Insurance are also contributing splendidly with such support as their £2 million package for the 1992 Games which includes, of course, the Times/Minet Award. Let us by all means seek

changes in taxation but equally let us acknowledge those who are helping. Yours sincerely PETER YARRANTON, Chairman.
The Sports Council.

16 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

days of Charlton, Moore and Best who even approached this

accolade is Kenny Dalglish. Certainly no British player at present in Italy can be termed world class. According to the experts, Bryan Robson is the most skilful member of the England team and he is one player who has had the "world class" tag stuck on him regularly in the past. But, while admitting that his contribution may well make him worth his weight in gold to the team, I certainly do not rate him so highly.

The over-riding factor in deciding if a player merits this ultimate accolade is surely

### to use this talent to its best First touches fail

exceptional skill and the ability

From Mr J. S. Hunter Sir, In this age of scientific support for sport, I would not have expected to see an aspect redolent of the 1950s manifest itself at as high a level as the World Cup. I refer to the offpitch preparation of replace-

It is customary to see such players being physiologically prepared and for the manager to be seen giving detailed instructions to them regarding their role, tactical team shifts, etc. However, at no stage does a ball seem to appear.

Now in England's first two matches it was the first touch of players which deserted them. Firstly, McMabon's early error against Ireland led directly to a goal against, and, secondly, Bull's early miss against Netherlands failed to give a deserved lead.

Yours faithfully, JOHN S. HUNTER. Administrative Head, School of Physical Education and Sport. West London Institute of Higher Education.

### advantage. The ability to run tirelessly and tackle tenaciously for 90 minutes should not come into the equation

Throughout the past few years football commentators in this country, aided and abetted by coaches and managers masquerading as experts, have at-tached the "world class" label to players who have little more than good ball control and an accurate pass, but because the standard of ball skills is so low in Britain, even these players

These attributes are only the basic skills of a footballer and world class should apply only to those who have risen above such Yours faithfully,

ROBERTSON. 118 Don Street. Aberdeen.

# From Mr Michael Dennis

Sir, I was rather annoyed to read Barry Fantoni's article "A would-be Italian werewolf in London" (June 14). Italian football may be competent even stylish, but was also responsible for introducing that most dread-fully dull defensive system known as catenaccio.

He also argues that we haven't produced a world-class per-former since Bobby Charlton. I yould claim that the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Bryan Robson. Rodney Marsh, Glenn Hoddle and Duncan Mackenzie would have been good enough to grace any international side. Lamentably, some of these players never had a chance to shine for their country. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL DENNIS.

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Horsham.

### Fewer prizes for women From Ms M. Joy Trotter

Sir, Prejudice, inequality and injustice abound in the world of running. At a recent half-marathon in Chester, 39 prizes were given to men and then four prizes were given to women. Second and third veteran women were not announced (or given prizes), despite being listed among the computerised The Chester half-marathon

was organised by Rotary and, in common with many other races, was approved by the Amateur Athletic Association. I wonder which of these organisations decided that men should get the pint tankards and the women half pints! Yours faithfully. M. JOY TROTTER, 3 Roseberry Drive, Great Ayton, Cleveland.

# National pride

From Mr Christopher J. Spivey Sir, I viewed with disbelief the performance of the England football team during the playing of the national anthem prior to the match against Netherlands last Saturday.

Only two of the players were making any attempt to sing the words. Might not Peter Shilton on his 120th appearance for his country at least have learnt one verse after all this time? How unlike the England

apparent pride and gusto. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER J SPIVEY, 61 Warren Road, Leigh-on-Sea,

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## Time to move the goalposts

Sir, Is it too difficult to score a goal in association football? The goal in association football? The question is prompted by the first few games in the World Cup. Italy dominated the game against Austria, yet their technical superiority resulted in a meagre 1-0 victory. Despite their general performance, Scotland had ten times the number of chances that Costa Ries of chances that Costa Rica created and yet were beaten 1-0. Even though the Czechs beat United States 5-1, some would argue that this still did not reflect their superiority. No doubt there will be other examples throughout the compet-

The increasing fitness and agility of defenders and goal-keepers, together with a depressing trend to "play on the breakaway", has led to a great many games in which the result is, quite simply, desperately unfair. There seems to be insufficient reward attached to thoughtful and considerate passing and dribbling when, at the end of each movement, one is still faced with a crowded penalty area, a large goalkeeper and what apears to be a shrinking goal. Little wonder that the "long ball" approach is favoured by most, since statistically it brings greater rewards. There is something wrong with a game which places such excessive emphasis on one single

aspect of its play - goalscoring. A similar comment has been made in relation to golf by at least one leading journalist, whose solution was to increase the width of the hole. Too often, rugby union team who stok with he said, excellent approach play, straight driving and careful iron play came to nothing in the face of a "streak" player, who bumbled his way round the course from tee to green yet rolled every putt from 30 yards or less into the back of the cup. The result of some tournaments had become a distortion of the real skill of golf and simply became a

Might I advocate a similar solution for football? As the human physique grows, the human physique grows, the seems no seems in basis and the seems no se seems no sense in keeping the goal and pitch measurements which are now over 100 years old. Lengthening and widening the pitch, as well as increasing size of the goals, would simply be a recognition of this improvement in physique and would lead to a more equal distribution of the importance and rewards attached to dribbing and passing. It may also have another.

more widely beneficial, effect. I firmly believe that one of the that there are too few moments of release in a game. Tension builds up and looks for an escape route. In a dour 0-0 draw. it has nowhere to go legiti-mately. The preponderance of scores in rugby, cricket, American football and basketball may go some way to explaining why they are not cursed by this problem.

Yours faithfully, A. CONNELL, 4 Balfour Road, Highbury, N5.

## Protection needed

From Mr K. C. Bass Sir, The freak accident to Paul Downton, the Middlesex wicketkeeper, in which he was hit in the eye by a bail which had been dislodged by the ball (report, Throwley estate, Line 11) prompts were to construct the control of the con June 11), prompts me to suggest that all wicketkeepers should wear some form of eye protection. The wicketkeeper has less sight of the ball than the batsman, particularly against a slow off-spin bowler, when he is crouching behind the wicket, and there is always the risk of a blow in the face. Yours faithfully,

## Better means From Mr A. I. M. Clark

Sir, It is difficult in many caes for spectators to identify batsmen when they are at the crease now that helmets with visors are worn. An example was in the first Test match against New Zealand when Atherton and Stewart were dressed completely in white and were of similar

A suggestion might be to attach a coloured disc to the helmet — numbering as in football would be out of place.

A. L. M. CLARK 308 Western Avenue, Llandaff, Cardiff.

### **Opening titles** From Mr L. W. Cradwick

Sir, Richard Streeton reminds us (June 19) of "titles" who have played Test cricket. In Lord Harris (1983) James D. Coldham tells us: "In June 1882. at Gravesend against Sussex, Harris ... opened with young Lord Throwley and ... 100 was up in 70 minutes".

Coldham also records that for

Yorkshire in 1882 Peate dismissed Lords Harris and Throwley and E. O'Shaugh nessey with successive balls and was so overcome that he roared I have upset the House of Lords and knocked out Home

My father, who worked at the Throwley estate, Lees Court, recalled that in later years, when Lord Harris sometimes joined the Lees Court estate team in practice, he encouraged the bowlers by placing his watch on the stumps for the man who could dislodge it. My father had no recollection that Harris lost

Yours faithfully, L. W. CRADWICK, 25 Vicarage Lane,

Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey.

# A 'Tour de France on legs' ready to Resulten became strong favourites to take the 1990 Royal Asctot honours after landing a 15-1 double with Chimes Of Freedom and River God hit the road

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DISTANCE running is to justified not only by the have its very own road show in Britain, travelling from Glasgow to London in 21 days with a profusion of its chart-topping athletes. David Moorcroft. Mike McLeod, Steve John Graham and an élite band of 200 athletes who will take part in the Sun Life Great Race, a hybrid of ultra running and city centre Who will have the advan-

"A Tour de France on legs" was how Alan Rushton, managing director of Sport for Television, the race promoters, described the event at yesterday's launch. There will be substantial prize-money, stage awards, a yellow jersey, a king of the hills and daily television coverage by British Satellite Broadcasting. A £2 million sponsorship, spread over three years, by Sun Life rect average time." To that person will go assurance company has seen

Running the London Mara-thon in a donkey suit is one than two. The first team will thing; 258 miles without a day's break, probably inside six-minute mile pace, is another. Participation in the event, to be staged from September 2 to 23, will be restricted to the best 15 British course, the board approves, clubs and 10 from overseas. which it has yet to do.

"We are talking about a minimum standard of 2hr 20min for a marathon, 50 give its blessing. The area minutes for 10 miles and 30 associations, north, midlands, end of the standard of th minutes for 10 kilometres," John Bicourt, the athletes' co- already done so. BSB's cover-

400 metres record-holder, is battling against a toe injury that

is hampering his preparations for the European champion-

ships. Redmond, whose career has been blighted by injuries, was forced to pull out of the

Midland championships last

He missed the Seoul Olympics

in 1988 with an Achilles tendon

injury, sustained a toe injury last year and has also suffered

problems with a hamstring.

strength of the British entry, but also the inclusion of Waldemar Cierpinski, the East German, who has twice won the Olympic marathon, and Paul Kipkoech, the Kenyan holder of the world 10,000 metres title. Their daily task will range from seven to 16 miles, averaging 12.2 miles a day.

tage? The Moorcrofts, with 5,000 metres background, the Kipkoechs, who have speedendurance, or the stayers, the Cierpinskis? "The beauty of it is that we don't know which runners are best suited," Moorcroft said. "We are not even certain of the average time to set out at. It may be that the winner will be the runner who predicts the cor-

£30,000 from a total prizesome 25 hours work rather istered through the British Amateur Athletic Board trust fund system. Provided, of

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Redmond grounded by lingering toe injury "The toe only hurts when he

Royal Ascot.

approaching the straight.

"The Derby came a bit too early," said Cecil. "But he's making up into a very good stayer. He's in the St Leger and could make a Gold Cup horse

mouth have been left stranded Cecil also had news of Old It is the latest in a string of on the wrong side of the problems that has hampered his Atlantic. Because of severe wea-Vic. his dual Derby winner of 1989. "It is by no means certain ther conditions disrupting domestic flights in the United States, only 12 of the 40-strong Hardwicke Stakes," Cecil said.
"There are two alternatives. US side have arrived at the Mountbatten Centre for the He's in La Coupe at Longchamp

Cecil and Cauthen poised for Royal Ascot honours after second double of meeting

Chimes Of Freedom back on song On Tiptoes nroves

By MICHAEL SEELY RACING CORRESPONDENT

TENRY Cecil and Steve

yesterday.
Following the first-day victories of Shavian and Private Tender, both men have now had four winners apiece. Eight other jockeys have a single victory to

jockeys have a single victory to their credit, including Pat Eddery and Willie Carson.
Chimes Of Freedom, after being nearly withdrawn from the group one Coronation Stakes because of ground that continued to be firm despite rain that started to fall during the afternoon, proceeded to storm home by five lengths.
The burst of speed shown by the 11-2 winner was most impressive. Heart Of Joy, the 11-8 favourite, disappointed in finishing a further 1½ lengths

finishing a further 1½ lengths away third.

"She won really well but still wasn't striding out on the ground," said Cecil afterwards.
"She could be really lethal when we get some decent going."

The winner of four races as a two-year-old, including the Cherry Hinton Stakes and the

Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh, Stavros Niarchos's filly had then finished a close third in the Cheveley Park

Stakes at Newmarker.

She failed to please her trainer in the spring and had run well below par when only fourth to Salsabil at Newbury. The style assurance company has seen £30,000 from a total prize to that.

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E30,000 from a total prize of yesterday's outstanding win, though, puts her in the same category as her Newbury conqueror and In The Groove imong the leading fillies.

News about Salsabil came

receive £20,000. The money from John Dunlop, who said for the British athletes, say the organisers, will be administered through the Rritish Maktoum's 1,000 Guineas and Oaks winner will be taken this

Although three favourites were successful on the opening afternoon, the 20-1 win of Sally Rous in the Jersey Stakes cou-pled with the 50-1 success of Pontenuovo in the Royal Hunt Cup saw the hard-pressed punters in need of relief.
Their moment to cheer finally

rdinator, said. aready done so. BSB's coverage dinator, said. age marks its entry into River God strolled home five lengths ahead of Particle Research ment in the Queen's Vase to complete the double. Available at 7-2 in the morn-

ing, River God started a heavily-backed favourite at 6-4 and the colt's supporters were confident of victory as Cauthen sat poised on Sheikh Moham-med's Derby disappointment on the heets of the leaders runs bends and he knows that he



Chimes Of Freedom overpowers Hasbah inside the final furlong of the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday

We wouldn't mind running him in Paris but it might be a question of getting the docu-mentation in order and the transport arrangements made." Remarkably, River God's win gave the Maktoum family their

first win at this year's Ascot. But it was still a bittersweet moment for Sheikh Mohammed, Brit-ain's leading owner for the last five years, as Dovekie, his other runner, who is trained by Guy

tendon passing the stands and had to be destroyed.

The 50-1 win of Pontenuovo in the Hunt Cup, which gave David Elsworth his second win in the centrepiece of the second day of the meeting, was the longest-priced winner since Nicholas Nickleby was success-

ful at the same odds in 1955. Backers of most of the fancied runners had their moments of hope. Superoo looked dangerous two furlongs out but failed to last home and finished

In the last two furlongs a battle developed between Gary Bardwell on Pontenuovo, who es recing on the rails. Prix de Paris the following day. Bruce Raymond on the

strongly-fancied Curtain Call.
Close home the outsider proved just the stronger and stayed on for a neck victory.
Pride Of Araby, the 6-1 favourite, stayed on to finish third, a further leach output. further length away. Elsworth was not at Ascot but

Julian Wilson, the BBC's racing correspondent, who manages the winner on behalf of the West London restaurateur, Walter Mariti, explained the circumstances of this apparently shock

"I originally bought him for 20,000 guineas as a yearling and we sent him to Ben Hanbury. But he injured an ankle so we sent him to David Elsworth last September so he could get plenty of hill work. "We fancied him for today's

race but our only worry was that he might not get in. Forty-two were declared, so 10 had to be withdrawn, and mercifully they

 John Gosden said last night that Chicarica, probable favourite for this afternoon's Chesham Stakes, would only take her

# **Sally Rous starts** to fulfil potential

Jersey Stakes, but her 20-1 victory would not have been a surprise to her illustrious name-sake, Admiral Rous, the compiler of racing's first weight-for-age scale (Graham Rock writes). His meticulous approach to the game would have unearthed the fact that on her last attempt

over yesterday's distance of seven furlongs, Sally Rous had finished a good fourth to Heart Of Joy in the Nell Gwyn Stakes. She disappointed over the mile of the 1,000 Guineas and, nied over 10 furlongs at Newbury, again let down her supporters. But yesterday she fulfilled her potential, just holding the late thrust of the

Bold Russian, switched wide for a run by Michael Hills, might just have prevailed if he had enjoyed the run of the race, him a super ride," Walwyn said. per cent on last year's figure.

SALLY Rous scraped home by a but Sally Rous's success conhead from Bold Russian in the firmed the renaissance of Geoffrey Wragg, who suffered a long losing run until Miss Sara broke the spell at Doncaster on Friday.
"She ran a hell of a race first

time out this season but probably failed to stay on her next two outings. She must be held up behind, as long as possible, and, if anything, she came a bit too soon today," Wragg said.

Punters had a miserable afternoon until River God brought some relief in the Queen's Vase and they recovered further ground when Hateel justified 5-I favouritsm in the Bessborough

compensation for trainer Peter Walwyn, whose Relief Pitcher James's Palace Stakes yesterday.
"You need to be handy to win here and I thought Willie gave

outstanding bargain

By GRAHAM ROCK ON TIPTOES ran out a decisive winner of the Queen Mary Stakes and her victory was an object lesson to those who believe that owning racehorses and training winners is an exact stricture.

science.
Sent to the Highflyer Sales by her owner-breeder. John Rowles, she was knocked down for an insulting 7,000 guineas, and then the purchaser's vet rejected the acquisition because he was not satisfied with her he was not satisfied with her

After that setback she went After that setback she went home, was put in training with Jim Leigh, who handles 10 horses at Willoughton, Lincolnshire, and yesterday completed a treble in the most competitive race for two-year-old fillies so for this registry.

far this season.

Having won well at Ripon and Newmarket, she was far from friendless here at 8-1, and one backer showed commend-able foresight when striking a bet of £40,000 to £4,000 with Victor Chandler yesterday

morning.
On Tiptoes lived up to her name by jumping smartly out of the stalls, making all the running, and surging clear in the final quarter-mile to beat It's All Academic by 2½ lengths with Furajet 1½ lengths away third. Furajet's stable companion, Balwa, was sent off 9-4 favourite but finished tailed off. The stewards held an enquiry but could finding no reason for Balwa's lifeless performance. A

routine dope test was ordered. Rowles, a popular steward in the north, was at the Lincolnshire Agricultural Show yes-terday and missed his filly's triumph, but it was a fine return for 20 years of endeavour by Jim Leigh, who has nothing else of On Tiptoes' calibre at his small

The filly works on his gallops with the sprint handicapper, Beckingham Ben, and was prepared to perfection by her trainer, who came to England from Co Wicklow in 1970. Leigh, who was winning with his first runner at the royal meeting, said: "I thought she would run very well, otherwise I wouldn't be here. The first time I worked her at home I knew she

was rather special as she beat Beckingham Ben with ease." The softly-spoken Irishman worked for Paddy Sleator, who sent top-class jump horses to Midlands trainer Arthur Thomas, including the likes of Harwell, Scottish Memories, and Black Ice.

It has taken some time for the magic of that invincible combination to rub off on yesterday's hero but, in the sparkling sea of champagne on which Royal Ascot floats, his victory came like a welcome

 Yesterday's attendance of 58,495 was only five less than last year's record second-day crowd. The Tote turnover was.

## **RUGBY LEAGUE**

# **Davies and Clarke boost** hopes for international goal after the first of those three tries, but failed with a penalty chance midway through the

From a Correspondent

Great Britain ...

GREAT Britain registered a morale-boosting win on the eve half. Davies, who was playing at of their first full international stand-off for the first time on meeting with New Zealand, beating their under-24 team with a second half performance that was the most confident and assured of any so far.

The first half held little promise. After opening the scoring with a penalty from Jonathan Davies, Great Britain lost the lead to a try from Ropati after a break from the scrum by

With both sides prone to resort to aggression rather than skill, deadlock reigned for the rest of the balf. Earlier, Bishop and his opposite loose-forward. Tuimavave had been sent to the sin bin for fighting, but the

win the chase. Davies kicked the

CAMERON Bell, the Carlisle coach, revealed yesterday that he has signed six New Zealand-ers and that another two could join them soon (a Special Correspondent writes).

The signings are Mark Perry. aged 25, a hooker from Auck-land; Gregg Roe, aged 24, a 15st warning from Jim Stokes, the referee, had little effect on the behaviour of the players increasingly frustrated by the wet and muddy conditions. The conditions remained the

same, but the style of play changed radically in the second stand-off for the first time on this tour, found his touch, and became, with Bishop, the key to a sparkling British revival.

Their first try came from Clarke after Bishop, using Fox as a foil, broke the Kiwi Colts defence to put the Wigan forward through: Davies's goal restored the lead to Britain and they were never threatened afterwards. Three tries by Eastwood followed.

The first came after Fox and

Bishop had opened the gap, the second after a four-man move left Irwin with the final pass, and the last came when Davies covered 40 yards before kicking through for the Hull winger to

# **New Zealand invasion**

rugby union winger from Tara-naki Province; Nahu Timoki, aged 26, a loose-forward from Auckland; Mike Doreen, aged 23. a centre or winger from Canterbury: Ken McIntosh, aged 20, a junior New Zealand stand-off and Him Okesper, the

stand-off, and Him Okesene, the second row forward who played for Carlisle last season.

scoring glut. For all that there were good performances from Bishop, Ir-win and Clarke, all of them

praised afterwards by coach Malcolm Reilly. It is unlikely that they will be included in the international side to be announced tomorrow.

SCORIERS: Kind Colts: Trice: Ropati, Fisher. Goele: Shelford, Great Britain; Trice: Clarke, Eastwood (3). Goele: Da-vice. (3).

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• David Lyon, the Warrington full back, is flying out to New Zealand as the replacement for the injured Alan Tait, who

leaves for home today.

• WAUCHOPE, Australia:
France failed to overcome the loss of Danny Divet, a second row forward, who was sent off for punching, as they lost 26-10 to the New South Wales Coast side yesterday (Reuter reports).

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

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SPORT ON TV

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events from York Hall, Bettinal Green.

CRICKET: BSS 8-9-30pm: Highlights of
the Second Compilit Yest: Buggland v New
Zealand: BSC1 10.50-1pm and 1.502.30pm: Coverage and highlights of the
Second Combilit Test. BSC2 2.15-3pm, 47.05pm and 11.15-11.55: Highlights of the
Second Compilit Test.
GOUR Expression 3-3pm; Coverage of the

the US PGA Open Tour at Medinah,

RACING: Screensport 11,0-12pm: Hippodease from France: BSB 1.30-2pm and 10-10.30pm: Highlights of yesterday's meetings: BBC1 2.30-4pm and midright to 12.25pm: Highlights of the Royal Ascot: BBC2 4.705pm: Highlights of the Royal Ascot: C4 5-6pm: The Horse in Sport.

Scotland.

SPEEDWAY: Screensport 2:30-3:30pm:

Linkoping, Sweden.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25pm, 6.0pm,
7.30pm, 10.30pm and matnight.

TENNIS: Eurosport 2-3.30pm: Highlights of the Reund-robin exhibition tournament from Workworth. England: Surversport 11.40sm-12.40pm, 3.30-4.30pm and 11pm-midright: Highlights of Dey 3 of the Winal International and Tour. BSC 4-5pm: Highlights of the Piliclegion Gless women's tournament from Eastbourne.

**RUGBY UNION** 

## Moore to replace Tukalo From Alan Lorimer

IN AUCKLAND

ALEX Moore, aged 26, who came on the tour only as a late replacement for the unavailable Lindsay Renwick, has been selected for the Scotland team to face New Zealand in the second international at Eden Park in Auckland on Saturday.

He displaces Tukalo on the left wing after the the Selkirk player had revealed defensive manufactures.

weaknesses against the All Blacks in the first international at Dunedin last Saturday. Moore played on the right wing for Scotland B this season against Ireland and Italy and in two of the midweek games on tour. It was clear that the selectors were considering him

when he was switched to the left wing for Tuesday's match against Manawatu.

Four years ago he seemed to be on the brink of an international career when he was selected for the Scotland B side to play against the brink of the Scotland B.

for the second international

selected for the Scotland B side to play against Italy but it took him a further two years before gaining more honours.

Duncan Paterson, the team manager, described him as "the most improved player of the tour". Moore said: "I thought the tour might provide a good opportunity to push for a World Cup place but I am delighted that I reached this level sooner than I expected."

The other change in the

than I expected."

The other change in the Scotland side is the recall of Ken Milne at hooker in place of John Allan who won his first cap last Saturday at Dunedin. Milne was unlucky to lose his place to Allan but convinced the selectors of the case for reinstatement with a good performance against Manawatu on Tuesday that included a try. Ian McGeechan agreed that the crucial factor was Milne's heavier frame, critical against the All Blacks front row.

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SCOTLAND: G Heatings (London Scottish): T Stanger (Harwick), S Hassings (Watsonlars), S Linean (Boroughrush), A Moore (Edwburgh Academicals), C Cheller (Barton): D Sole (Edwburgh Academicals), Capt. K Mine (Heriot's)s), I Miles (Heriot's)s), I Miles (Heriot's)s), I Miles (Heriot's), I Jeffrey (Koleo), C Gary (Notingham), D Crohn (Bath), F Cerlar (Sawart's-Meiville), D White (London Scottish), Replacements: P Doda (Gale), C Hawick), G Marahafi (Selkirk), P Gures (London Scottish), J Alan (Edinburgh Academicals),

Academicals). Academicals Academicals Academicals Academicals Sydney by five tries to four yesterday but still lost 36-26 (Reuter reports). David Knox, the Sydney full back, kicked four penalties and four conversions in a performance which makes in a performance which makes him a leading candidate to tour New Zealand next month with

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(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

IN GOING for Teamster to win the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot this afternoon, I am banking on Michael Stoute's four-year-old being as good over 21/2 miles as he has aiready shown himself to be over two miles on a couple of occasions this season.

The first was on today's course at the beginning of May when he ran clean away from Thethingaboutius and Cossack Guard, two of his opponents again today.

Next time out, Teamster was arguably even more impressive when accounting after being beaten in the for Mountain Kingdom and Goodwood Cup, Weld emerchelsea Girl in the Heary II ged as a lively challenger for Stakes at Sandown.

I find it hard to imagine those that Teamster has already beaten taking their revenge now unless he suddenly runs out of stamina as he enters uncharted waters for

Proven ability apart, two other points about Teamster are commendable: firstly, his ability to switch off and relax in the early stages; secondly, his gift of being able to quicken towards the end. It was that change of pace that I found particularly captivating both here and at Sandown and I expect it to be the decisive weapon again.

Those who prefer not to risk him getting the trip have a variety of choices, principally Sadeem who will be bidding to emulate Sagaro, the only horse this century to win this cov-

eted trophy three times. Only this time, Sadeem, along with the two other older horses in the field, must give

weight away for the first time. The only time Sadeem has been seen this year was at Salisbury in the spring when he gave Ashal, another of today's participants, 10lb and a neck beating over 1% miles. In the meantime Ashal has won at Baden-Baden.

While Sadeem rested on his laurels last autumn, albeit nated Danehill as the likely

RICHARD Hannon will this

Candy Glen joins

morning pay more than £16,000 Tirol at Newmarket and the to supplement his dual 2,000 Curragh, is among 32 standing

The Christian Wall-trained Big-race acceptors

Stakes in the belief that classic form (he had been placed in

Collet: sends over the much-fancied Pont Aven

his crown when winning five races in a row including the Doncaster Cup and the Jockey Club Cup.

A setback in training earlier this year, though, meant that he has had to miss his preparatory race and I believe that could easily count against him, even though he has had a racecourse workout.

Turgeon, who is trained in France by an Englishman, Jonathan Pease, finished a good second in the French St Leger last autumn while Tyrone Bridge did likewise in the equivalent Irish classic when he was trained there by Kevin

Tyrone Bridge is now in the care of Martin Pipe whose exploits under National Hunt rules have known no bounds these past two years.

Although Tyrone Bridge won well for him at Beverley a fortnight ago, I still feel that he will find Teamster too much of a handful this time.

Hellenic can complete a double for Stoute and Walter Swinburn by capturing the Ribblesdale Stakes. It appears significant that Swinburn has opted to ride Hellenic as Ivrea, her stable companion, has the better form.

Twelve months ago I nomi-

the 2.000 Guineas) would be the key to the correct solution even in a sprint over six By the same token, Pont Aven is now my selection for

today's group three prize. Last time out she was a highly creditable second to Houseproud in the French 1,000 Guiness and before that she had won a listed race over today's trip at Evry.

Pont Aven is trained at Chantilly by Robert Collet who, in 1986, brought Last Tycoon over to capture the King's Stand Stakes. Even if Paul Eddery has to

put up 1lb overweight on Pont

Aven this afternoon, I still think that she has an outstanding chance and she is my nap. Well that elder brother Pat should go on Great Commotion in the same race, I still feel that his best chances will come later in the programme on Distinctly North (4.20) and Chicarica (5.30).

Distinctly North looked distinctly fast when winning by six lengths at Goodwood first time out and is a firm choice to win the Norfolk Stakes.

As for Chicarica, my sclec-tion for the Chesham Stakes, she made a deep impression on the champion jockey when carrying him to an effortless victory at Leicester 12 days ago. The winning margin on that occasion was three lengths but it could easily have

been doubled. At Ripon, I like the look of Jondebe Boy in the Norman Wells Memorial Challenge Trophy. Although only fourth at Epsom last time, his overall record this season has been thoroughly reliable.

● La Grange Music will run in the Cork and Orrery Stakes only if there is further rain.

Blinkered first time ROYAL ASCOT: 2.30 Flaming Glory; 3.45 Turgeon; 4.20 On Display. RIPOM: 2.15 Mighty Dragon; 2.45 Tyburn Lad, Hydeonilan.

# Tough task for Sunday **Silence** to supplement his dual 2,000 Guineas winner, Tirol, for Sunday's Grand Prix de Paris Louis Vuitton at Longchamp. The Cat Longchamp.

SUNDAY Silence, last year's Horse Of The Year in the United States, has been given top weight of 9 stone in Sunday's \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup at the Los Angeles

The four-year-old son of Halo, who made a winning comeback at Hollywood Park three weeks ago after undergoing arthoscopic surgery on a knee, has been pleasing Charlie Whittingham in his recent work, but will have to be back to his very best to win the west coast's major summer prize.

Candy Gien, winner of the Italian 2,000 Guineas, will also be sent over for the group one prize but the main opposition to Tirol is likely to come from the highly-regarded Priolo and the improving Sifting Gold, trained by Andre Fabre.

Priolo was earmarked for this race by Francois Boutin after winning the group one Prix Jean Prat on the course last month.

Canada Gold Minories, Group 1 in 22: Ar Music, Anshan, 8s My Chief, Cacosthes, Call To Arms, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Dashing State, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Dashing State, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Dashing State, Carroll House, Charmer, Carroll House, Charmer, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Dashing State, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Carroll House, Charmer, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Carroll House, Charmer, Creator, Carroll H Lined up against Sunday Si-lence are the Santa Anita Handicap winner, Ruhlmann, also trained by Whittingham, D Wayne Lukas's Criminal Type, who has already won more than \$1 million this season, and the former British-trained fouryear-olds Opening Verse and Two Timing.

# Prat on the course last month. Paul Cole's Ruby Tiger, who chased home Atoll in the Italian Oaks four weeks ago, is a probable British challenger for the group two Prix de Malleret. Tirol and another dual classic winner. Salsabil. head the 42 acceptors for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on July 7. winner, Salsabil, head the 42 acceptors for the Coral-Ectipse Stakes at Sandown on July 7. Results from yesterday's two meetings

## Royal Ascot

Prat on the course last month.

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Jeckpot: not won (guaranteed pool of P100,000, lacinding carry over of \$59,697.65, at Royal Accot today). Placepot: \$208.20. Ripon

Goings good to firm

2.15 (1m 1f) 1, DOSTOYEVSKY (M

2.15 (1m 1f) 1, DOSTOYEVSKY (M

Birch, 100-30); 2, Ademik (W Ryan, 4-5

tay); 3. Sherjamer (B Crossley, 14-1);
ALSO RAN; 7 Good For A Loan, 20 Bind

Shot, Tuffarria, 32 Chobe River (4th), 50

Carsfree Times (6th), Firetnalms, Mountain

Glow (5th), Vineger Bob, 100 Bold Rocket,

Good Session, Hortoot Henry, Qualitar

Figher, Smots, Ster Tracker, 17 ran, NR;

Euro Galaxy, 41, 21, 51, 1/41, 41, M Stoute at

4.20 ROYAL HUNT CUP (Handicap: Newmarket, Tote: 24.10; 21.50, 21.10, 23.181: 1m str) E33.181: 1m str)

PONTENLONO b g Kafu – Black Gnet (W Mariti) 5-7-7 G Bardwell (50-1)

Curtain Cell ch c Finel Strew – Hathaway (A Hobbs) 4-8-6 B Raymond (10-1)

Pride Of Arraby b c Sovereign Dancer – Miss Menon (K Abdulla) 4-8-5 Pat Edday (5-1 tev)

Gildendale ch g Gumer B – Mertola (Abbott Racing Partners) 8-7-12 R Hills (25-1)

ALSO RAN: 9 Supproo (6th), 11 Secretary

2.26 (1m) 1. PALATIAL STYLE (S

P2.70. CSF: 25.35. No bid.

2.20 (Im) 1. PALATIAL. STYLE (S. Webster, 16-1): 3. Might Of Store (W. Ryan, 16-1): 3. Gold Prospect (J. Williams, 12-1).

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fev Jacette, 7. Habeta (Bth), 8 Thehool, Telesinial, 10 El Rey, 12 Jaimusique, Aerdverk, 14 Earsten Ember (Stt), Genaf (4th), 16 Jumby Say, 13 ran. 19,1, 1%, 11, 1d, 21. M. Avison at Newton. Tore: E22.40: 24.80, 23.20, 23.40. DF: 2138.30. CSF: £162.55. Tricast: £1,832.31.

E1,832.31.
4.0 (1m 4f 70yd) 1, LUCKY MOON (G Duffield, 4-7 fav): 2, Indubitable (J Williams, 11-2); 3. Bested Rock (B Crossley, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Fernancia. 16 Harditeroine, 20 Toushtan (6m), 25 kie o I Arran (5th), 83 Great Service, 40 Bursans (sth), 86 Mother Hen. 10 ran. 5l, 1%1, 121. %1, 2%1, J Dunlop at Arundel, Tota: \$1,80; £1.10, £7.90, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £4.82, Tricast; £14.15. 24.82. Tricest: £14.15.

4.35 (Im 4f Toyd I, HERESHEIS (Lydia Pascos, 7-1); 2. Lucky Native (Kelly Merks, 13-2); 3. Weterlow Park (Clare Belding, 3-1 fav); 4. Been Boy (Sarah Essterby 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Airsdale, 10 Trincomalee, 12. Dollar Seeker, Island Jetsether, 14. Lightning Thunder, 20 Shewnige (Bin), Hydeorius. 25 Mystery Band, Master Pien (5th), Silk Dynesty, Pache d'Or, 33 Solwey Mist, 40 Bold Answer, 50 Rushmoor. 18 ran. 2l, 4l, sh hd, 5l, 2kl, J Pearce at Newmarket. Tota: £11.30; £2.40. £1.30, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £34.00. CSF: £53.67. Tricest: £159.91. E34.00. CSF: E53.67. Tricest: £159.91.
S.05 (Sp. 1, DOMINULET (G Husbend, 7-4 fav); 2, Bailla Seville (Alex Graves, 12-1); 3, Saint Navatro (W Ryan, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Hinari Video (4th), 7 Residess Don, 17-2 North of Wattord, 10 Javdeeglen, 12 Where's The Money (5th), 16 Resucada, 33 The Singing Man (6th), 10 rsn. NR: Jack Boy, 11, 41, 231, shind, hd. J Speering at Alcester. Tota: £2,70; £1-40, £2.10, £2.00. UF: £15.00. CSF: £22.49. Tricast £24.03.

£94.03.

£40.69.1, REDDEN BURN (W Ryen, 30-100 fay); 2, Cansan Valley (K Fallon, 33-1); 3, Finel Deed (M Birch, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kartin's Kid, 25 Adwick Park (501). Desir's 5 Double (441), 33 Khojohn (8n), 50 Knoesington Boy, 66 Cathorine's Lad, El Nido, Lord Darusn, Richmond. 12 ran. 254, 44, 5, 3, 2%. It God'at Newmarkat. Tota: £1.40; £1.10. £3.90, £2.90. UF: £1.10. £3.90, £2.90. UF: £1.10. £3.90, £2.90. Placepot: 227.60.

• John Upson has won both Ruddles Permit Trainers' Association awards for the 1989-90 National Hunt season. Thar-An-Bharr, with six vic tories and six placed runs, amassed most points while Nick The Brief, with £72,385, won most prize-money.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHMAGS: King George VI & Queen Bizebeth Diamond Stakes. Ascot Mondhan. All engagements (dead): Katy Sharp, Parkboro Lati, Astronomer, Trode's Guest, Billet.

J Ountop L Cumen M Stoute

## ROYAL ASCOT

## Selections

By Mandarin 2.30 Serenader. 3.05 PONT AVEN (nap). 4.20 Distinctly North.

5.30 Chicarica

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 Tidemark. 3.05 La Grange Music. 3.45 TEAMSTER (nap). 4.20 Mujadil. 4.55 Gharam 5.30 Chicarica

By Michael Seely 3.05 Pont Aven. 3.45 Sadeem. 5.30 CHICARICA (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 PONT AVEN.

## Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TRIES 74 (CO,BF,F,O,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 Resocard number. Draw in brackers. Ski-figure distance winner. 8F - beaten tevourite in form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unseeted rider. letest race). Going on which horse has won 8 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - retused. (F - lirm, good to lirm, hard. G - good. D - disquailted). Horse's name. Days since lest S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in outing: I if jumps. F if fist. (B - blinkers, brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V - woor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner, CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

Going: firm Draw: 51-6f, low numbers best 2.30 KING GEORGE V STAKES (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £15,147: 1m 4f) (20 BBC1

.... J WE i Defect S Rouse 9-03150 NUDGOM BAY TRADER 7 (F) (B Conbs ii) C Wait 8-9
103-091 YISAGE 7 (F) (C Wingh) D Arbuthind 8-8 (4ex)
521 CERTANI CREATUR 13 (D) (W Gradiey) John FitzGeraid 8-7.
3129-63 FLASRING GLORY 13 (B,Q) (F Seltran) M Bell 8-6.
306-023 SHAMBO 23 (Min C Britain) C Brittain 8-5.
00-14 TERNIBALE 12 (B,F) (G Goodman) W Elsey 8-4.
9-00 DISTINCT NATIVE 12 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 8-4.
05-1253 BEAU QUEST 13 (D,F) (G Firmdon) R Hollinshead 8-1. . M H55a .. G Cartel BETTING: 8-1 Tidemark, 9-1 Serenader, Oh So Risky, Afker, 10-1 Torcello, 12-1 Gadabout, Local Derby, 14-1 Direkt Native, Native Tribe, Irish Emerald, 18-1 Maryland Wille, Centain Creater, Lift And Load, 20-1

1989: CARLINGFORD 8-4 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) G Harwood 14 ran

FORM FOCUS ON SO RISKY easily beat Surcost 71 at Sandown (1m 31 100yd, good to firm) with SHAMBO (11b better off) 734 3rd. GADABOUT got up close frome to beat Cehawa by a neck at Sandown (1m 21, good to firm) with SHAMBO (1m 41, good to firm) latest. Talabayra 1% in Folkestone (1m 44, firm) latest.

TENEMARK beet MARYLAND WILLIE (18) better off:

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3.5 CORK AND ORRERY STAKES (Group III: £34,308: 6f) (17 runners) 201 (13) 08-3121 SHARP N° EARLY 19 (D.F.S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hennon 4-9-4 B Raymond

1969: DANEHELL 3-8-0 W Curson (11-8 fav) J Tree 12 ran

BIRD (8th) and SHARP REBINDER (7th).

DEAD CERTAIN %I winner from Line Of Thunder in group one at Newmarket (6t, good to firm) lest term with HAUNTING BEAUTY (7th better off) 1% 5th; talled off behind Seisabl on Newbury (18 5th), good responsance where HAUNTING BEAUTY finished

good to firm) least.

PONT AVEN 2 2nd to Houseproud in the French
1,000 Guineas at Longchamp (1m, good); prevously
best Sun Brandy 2 at Evry (8t 110yd, soft).

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**JOCKEYS** 

# RIPON-STATE

# Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Mighty Dragon. 2.45 Tiffin Time. 3,20 Jondebe Boy. 4.00 Cherry Dance 4.35 Lady Speed Stick.

Going: good

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Ikteshaf. 2.45 ---3.20 Easy Line. 4.00 Sad Eyed Lady. 4.35 Indian Maestro. 5.05 Dreams To Riches.

2.15 EBF SAPPER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,658: 6f) (18 runners) SAPPER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,658: 6f) (18 runne)

84838 EAST BARNES 14 (J Bolend) J Weinwright 9-0

GOTT (600 FOODS LED) J Belding 9-0

32 IKTESHAF 28 (BF) (M Salem) B Herrbury 9-0

4 (KRESCHIM 10 (Mrs R Smein) Par Michael 9-0

6 LEVADE 13 (A Macdonel-Bucharen) J Fenelbuwe 9-0

42 MERHTY DRAGON 13 (B.BF) (Mrs M Liddlard) J Dunlop 9-0

9 OW STRIKE 17 (P Savil) M Tompidra 9-0

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9 ERJURY (R Toots) J Payre 9-0

SET THE STAMBARDS (R Aird) J Berry 9-0

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12 SPICE TRADER 8 (T THOMBON JONES) T Thomson Jones 9-0

FLOWER OF SCOTLAND (H Thomson) P Calver 8-9

6 LADY TALECA 13 (Tabli Les & Call Led) F Les & 9-0

0 MERCEDES GIRL 22 (D Stotes) N Tinter 8-9

0 ORCHANDA 12 (I Mesthwes) N Cermacho 8-9

6 PRINCESS MONOLIELU 13 (M Jecison) J Hetherton 6-8-G Duttield 91 .. K Hodgeos ... M Tebbutt J Carroll 91 S Whitworth
S Perks
A Lappin (5)
Kits Tinkler SPRINGESS MONOLILU TS (M Jackson) J Hetherton 6-9.
SECRET NAZE 25 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss 5 Hall 8-9.
ZAFRA 12 (D Adams) W Etroy 8-9. .. J LOWE . K Fallon

Draw: no advantage

BETTRIG: 3-1 Masshef, 7-2 Mighty Dregon, 11-2 Set The Standards, 6-1 Spice Trader, 7-1 Secret Haza, 10-1 East Barns, 12-1 Levade, 14-1 others.

1989: BRIGHT FLOWER 8-11 L. Dettori (4-11 fav) L. Cumani 8 ran 2.45 WINDHILL SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,700: 1m) (20 runners) (3) 425100 MR CHESEKYCHOPS 26 (0) (M M Racing Lot) M Brittain 9-7

(1) 6505-05 MARSH'S LAW 13 (A Moore) J Wharton 9-6

(11) 834440 LUCK O' THE WISH 13 (B) (Aliss N Jeeger) N Tinkler 9-4

(2) 00-0352 BBLDONAYR 23 (K Coxon) E Weymas 9-3

(4) 0-03 AGE OF ROMANCE 12 (Mrs C Day) J Brackley 9-1

(5) 8000-00 WHITEWESS 47 (North East Paper Co Lid) B Murrily 9-0

(6) 005-053 THFIN TIME 8 (9) (P Sedia) M H Easterby 8-13

(7) 800-000 COPPER TOP 10 (F) (B Kidd) G Oldroyd 8-13

(7) 6000-00 TYBLIN LAD 14 (K Moorcott) E Eldin 8-12

(8) 0000-00 TYBLIN LAD 14 (K MOORCOT) E Cellon 8-12 P Sadgneck 94

S Turner (7) 86

Kim Tiniter 94

E Gaust # 87

A Tacker (7) 87

K Fellon 90

K Ourley 95

J Fortune (5) 95

K Hadgson 85

W Newmes 92 \_ V Smitt . J Sjeandkie .... J Hicholia ..... J Carroll ... G Duffield ... D Biggs (5) . L Charmock SETTING: 9-2 Beldonayr, 6-1 Tiffin Time, 7-1 Bell Turrett, 8-1 Luck O' The Irish, 18-1 Mr Checkychops, edend Grit. 12-1 Marsh's Law, Watel Sylos, 14-1 others.

1989: DOVEDON LACY 8-6 M Sirch (5-1) M Tomplens 18 men 3.20 NORMAN WELLS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: £5,117: 6f) (10

1989: KEY TO THE MUSIC 3-8-9 G Duffield (9-2) D Moriey 8 rtm

Course specialists

33.3 J Forzuna 25.7 G Duffield 25.0 Dale Gibson 20.5 J Carroll 16.7 K Feston 14.3 K Darrey

RACING

( BBC1 ° 3.45 GOLD CUP (Group I: £83,501: 2m 4f) (11 runners) 301 (4) 182-342 MOUNTAIN KNKGOOM 24 (F.G.S) (D Thompson) C British 6-9-2... B Narrus 91 302 (7) 10/112-1 SADEEM 43 (CD.F.G) (Shelich Mohammed) G Harwood 7-8-2... R Cochesine 67 303 (11) 102-024 THETHINGASOUTITTS 32 (C.F.G.S) (Doublet Ltd) D Elsworts 5-9-2 Pet Eddeny 75 304 (5) 2113-21 ASHAL 39 F.G.S) (P.A.HARISTONI) H Thompson Lones 4-9-0.... R Hills 51 305 (8) 829-832 COSSACK GUARD 32 (C) (Shelich Mohammed) C British 4-9-0... M Roberts 79 306 (1) 120-155 MOBLE SAVAGE 24 (F) (Shelich Mohammed) C British 4-9-0.... M Roberts 79 307 (6) 210-411 TEAKSTER 24 (F.F.S) (P Mohammed) C British 4-9-0.... W R Swinbarn 99 308 (10) 232-212 TURGEON 32 (B.G) (G Streethindge) J Posse (Fr) 4-9-0...... M R Swinbarn 99 310 (3) 411111- WELD 25 (F.G.S) (F Green) M Posh 4-0-0..... P Shensham 97 310 (3) 411111- WELD 25 (F.G.S.S) (F Green) M Posh 4-0-0..... S Caselheer 80 311 (2) 1102-43 CHELSEA GIRL 24 (F.G.S.) (F Green) M Jarvis 4-9-1..... B Reymond 29 ESTITING: 7-4 Teamster, 3-1 Sadeem, 7-2 Wold, 8-1 Tyrone Bridge, 14-1 Turgeon, Ashal, 16-1 Noble 1995; SADEEM 6-9-0 W Carriers (8-11 fmt) (8 Herrwood 8 ran 182-342 MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 24 (F.Q.S) (D Thompson) C Brittain 5-9-2.... B Manual

1989: SADEEM 6-9-0 W Carson (8-11 fav) G Harwood B ran

FORM FOCUS SADEEM is attempt to the state of the state of

4.20 NORFOLK STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: 523,234: 5f) (10 runners) ( BBC2 1 DISTINCTLY NORTH 29 (D,F) (R Sengator) J Berry 6-13... 122 GOLD FUTURES 38 (D,BF,P) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 406 (8) 407 (5) 408 (4) 409 (7) 410 (5)

1989: PETELLANTE 8-8 R HEIB (10-1) A Scott 6 ram

FORM FOCUS DISTRICTLY NORTH made all to best made all to best to best to best made all to best to be t

4.55 RIBBLESDALE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £62,910: 1m 4f) (11 runners) 

FORM FOCUS AHEAD impressed in WiREA met over 1%13rd of 5 to in The Groove at York
12 at Selesbury (1m 41, firm); creatrable 815th of 8 to to to the Daks at Epsom (1m 41, good to soft) with GHARAM tailed off last.

CHARAM previously ran well in the Franch 1,000 Ginness at Longchapp (1m, good) when staying-on 2%13rd of 14 to Houseproud AKAMANTIS pleasing 3 2rd of 6 to Karajana on reappearance at Newbury (1m 22, good).

HELLENC quickened 21 out and kept on to beat firm) beating Natzawa 11.

Selection: PHARIAM STAYS (1 interest and sept of the Control of the

5.30 CHESHAM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £15,400: 6f) (12 runners)

J Reid BETTING: 9-4 Chicarics, 5-2 Dominion Gold, 9-2 Haraden, 8-1 Kohinoor, Madagans Grey, 10-1 Akkazao.

1989; BE MY CHIEF 8-12 S Cauthon (2-6 fav) H Cocil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS DOMENTON GOLD gained an impressive success on his York (6f, good) debut, overcoming inexperience to best Kinoko 5i.

MAREDEN ran on well close home when just over 1541 3rd of 11 to Flying Brave at Goodwood (6f, good).

MADAGANS GREY disappointing tevourite when 131 NA WHIST. avoid swell will be to best Bid For Elegance 3i. If NA WHIST. avoid swell will be to best Bid For Elegance 3i. If NA WHIST. avoid swell will be to best Flouting 51 at Newmarket (6f, Selection: CHSCARSCA.

Dostoyevsky leads clean sweep

runners and occupied the first four places with Dostoyevsky, from Michael Stoute's yard, overturning the Henry

NEWMARKET challengers completed clear of Dostoyevsky when the pair a clean sweep in the Castlemaine filled the places behind Quavering at XXXX Ascot in Dales Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth two weeks ago and started at Ripon yesterday.

5-4 on to confirm the form.
Southern stables fielded six of the 17 Dostoyevsky was allowed to start at 100-30 despite heavy support, income bet of £30,000. Stoute's yard, overturning the Henry Cecil-trained favourite, Adamik, Sherjamal, Susan Piggott's runner, was third and David Morley's Chobe River fourth, Adamik had finished three lengths

ODSTOYERS, a son of Nureyev, had obviously improved since his reappearance and, produced by Mark Birch at the five-furlong marker, quickened away from Adamik to win by four lengths.

4.0 TRICITY BENDIX MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,140: 5f) (6 runners)

4.35 WINKSLEY HANDICAP (23,262: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

Long handloap: Lady Speed Stick 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Not Yet, 7-2 Persian Dynasty, 4-1 Gerde's Gold, 6-1 Amedicra, 6-1 Cool Run, 10-1 Lady
Speed Stick, 12-1 others.

5.5 HOB GREEN APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (£2,545: 1m 4f 70yd) (12 runners)

1989: FUTURE SUCCESS 3-8-8 G Duffield (11-4) J Dunkop 10 min.

Stewards' Cup entries and weights

WELLAM HILL STEWARDS' CUP (Handicap: 61: Whitopet 6-10-0, Green's Carsietto 49-10, Side Supreme 49-7, Cuffran 3-9-7, Montender 3-9-7. Daarik 3-9-6, Flower Girl 3-9-8, Case Law 3-9-6, Kadim 3-9-4, Palaco Street 3-9-4, Petillarite 3-9-3, Chibrry 3-9-3, Ajamac 6-9-3, Polit Bird 3-9-2, Alo Ez 4-9-1, Vicercy 3-9-1, Kraydara 4-9-1, Ra'a 3-9-1, Pieh Fact 5-9-0, Be Frest 4-9-0, Short Fird 3-7-11, Solomon's Song 4-7-10, Short Fird 3-7-11, Solomon's Song 4-7-10, Short First 3-7-10, Short First 3-7-1

• Jimmy Fortune was a little too eager claim for his final mount of the in claiming his fiftieth winner against afternoon, Avoca Holmes. professionals at Thirsk on Tuesday. After partnering Lucky Blue to a short head success in the sprint handicap, he

However, Fortune, one of the top apprentices this season and Luca head success in the sprint handicap, he told the clerk of the scales he had reached. He then weighed out with that

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# A quick demolition operation brightens lowly Surrey's hopes

earned a five for 34 haul, but

the output of Wagar Younus was probably the more en-couraging. The youthful Paki-

stani has proved a shrewd

acquisition and such instant success may well have sig-

nalled the end of Tony Gray's Oval residence. Very much Chetan Sharmaesque in ap-

comment from some oppo-

the pavilion end where, de-

Lloyd looked neat and com-

posed until Fraser, now hitting the right line consistently,

moved one away sufficiently to find the edge, and Emburey held a straightforward catch at first

a straightforward catch at first slip. Tufnell, the left-armer, was

on as early as the 28th over, and

Emburey soon followed before the weather closed in.

It is 125 years next month since Lancashire played their first championship match, and

victory with five for 45.

off Bicknell.

Clouds have silver

lining for Fraser

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Lan-cashire have scored 91 for two

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of three; Surrey won toss): Surrey, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are two runs ahead of Nottinghamshire SURREY may be languishing

without victory in the nether regions of the championship table, but a rapid demolition of Nottinghamshire's first innings at Trent Bridge yes-terday will have given great heart in the approach to mid-

The vagaries of the fixture computer have consigned Nottinghamshire to a fortnight of championship inaction and they are further encumbered by fitness prob-lems, though only Pick, with a back strain, was withdrawn. However, after being inserted, there could be no excuse for a thoroughly inept performance against the moving ball on a

Broad, on his own admission, played a shocking shot and there was deal of other poor application as Not-tinghamshire slumped to 100 all out in 37.2 overs in bright flattened his middle stump.

three; Middlesex won toss): Lan-cashire have scored 91 for two wickets against Middlesex

WITH seven counties within 19

points of each other in the most

open championship for many years, the weather is likely to play a substantial role. Those able to get on the field will have

Lancashire and Middlesex, respectively second and seventh

in the table, managed only 40 overs before bad light initially stopped play, quickly followed by heavy and persistent rain. In

that time Angus Fraser, who has been sorely missed by England during his prolonged absence with a rib cartilage injury, showed that his rehabilitation is

almost complete, particularly in a splendid second spell of eight overs from the Stretford End.

The pitch drew much chin-

rubbing from assembled players

rubbing from assembled players before the start, and Gatting was persuaded to put Lancashire in after winning the toss, thereby maintaining his 100 per cent record in the championship this season. Against the left-handed Fowler, Fraser bowled an excellent line and conceded 15 runs in his first four overs from

Williams bowled too short and Mendis, sound as ever

against the quicker men, twice pulled in front of square in the

first over. However, the bowler adjusted his length sufficiently

the Warwick Road end.

sunny conditions. Surrey are 102 for two in reply. Martin Bicknell's out-swing fashion, playing over a full

Broad, after a pleasant interlude carressing shots on both sides of the wicket, essayed an awful pull and looped a catch to cover. Later Field-Buss departed first ball, offering a flexed knee and no shot to Bicknell as Nottinghamshire lunched at a parlous 88 for

proach and delivery, but Soon after Randall was about two yards quicker, he dismissed in controversial swung the ball appreciably circumstances, questioning umpire Hampshire's decision and trapped Robinson lbw early on, after Alikhan had missed him badly in the gully on an edge to Ward that he clearly considered a "bump ball." Bicknell had removed A fetching pink wrist band Martindale, Ibw to a yorker, with his first ball of the day, will no doubt attract forthright and now, suitably encouraged cleaned up the tail, taking four nents, and yesterday he had the benefit of bowling from for seven in 24 balls.

Surrey, led by Alikhan and spite his short stature, a dark Ward, dug in at the resumpwindow background undermined at least two batsmen. tion after rain had predictably caused an hour's stoppage, but had lost Clinton, lbw, and Thorpe to a mifty Randall slip Stephenson was one, and had

# Somerset off to a solid start

By JACK BAILEY

BATH (first day of three, Somer-set won toss): Somerset have scored 95 for one wicket against

ON DAYS such as this, groundsmen dream of a comfortable life down the mines. The sun shines, the dark clouds roll in, on an off go the covers. Phil Frost, the head grounds-man, and his men must have clocked up at least 20 such changes. Thanks to their efforts and the persistence of the um-pires, 41 overs were bowled, and Somerset overcame four interruptions to make a useful start against a keen Glamorgan Cook batted watchfully for his

first championship match, and the opponents then were Middlesex, beaten by 62 runs. The only thing yesterday had in common is possibly the receipts, which on that July day in 1865 were £25. Vyell Walker distin-guished the inaugural game by taking all ten of Lancashire's second-innings wickets for 104, but Roger Iddison, a York-shireman, bowled Lancashire to victory with five for 45. undefeated 40, and Hayhurst, enjoying a personal renaissance since his move from Old Trafford, struck a handsome 38, and looks good for more. Yet, with a little more fortune, Watkin and Bastien might have had more than the wicket of Hardy. Bastien, a graduate of the Haringey stable and playing in his first championship match, North Yorkshire and South Durham, holders of the League Cricket Conference President's was especially dangerous, through the air and off the pitch. Trophy, will play the Durham County League in the second round at Crook on July 1 (Michael Austin writes). He had already induced several false strokes when Hardy, doubtless unsettled by a long SECOND ROUND DRAW: Durham County v North Carabirs and South Durham County Chronic County Curham Coast v Tyneside Senior (Hytton); Notts Amateur v South Wales Association (Boots, Nottingham); Liverapool Competition v Manchester Association (Augourth); West Lancashire v Lancashire and Cheshire (to be arranged); Cheshire County v Coveniry and District (Macclesfield); Derbyshire County v Bassetiaw (Denby, provisional).

arms to one that nipped back.

Thereafter, there was just time to admire the brilliance of Holmes at cover; time, too, to reflect on the misfortunes besetting this excellent Bath Festival, which has so far lost half its

Yorkshire hopes

be the whipping boy, apparently because I am the only one

still await a first championship

century of the season one of the

county's exiles, James Whitaker, made his third for

Leicestershire, who recovered from 73 for three against a

tack at Grace Road to reach 244 for five, with Whitaker still

there on 115, having held the

innings together on a slow paced pitch of variable bounce. His

hundred, although carefully compiled, from 201 balls in 202

minutese, included 17 fours. Hampshire, the second-

placed side, managed to get in only 20 overs against Gloucestershire at Gloucester before rain washed out play.

There were contrasting centu-

ries for Neil Taylor and Chris Cowdrey as Kent made 329 for three against Cambridge Univer-sity at Fenner's. Taylor took a

long time to get to grips with the bowling and had been in for 283

minutes when he finally reached his third hundred of the sum-

mer. His captain raced to three figures in 137 minutes and hit seven sixes along the way.

strength Derbyshire at-

available." he said.

Ostler's 50 ends

THE match between the top and bottom teams in the Britannic Assurance championship at Sheffield yesterday was going very much in favour of the tailenders. Yorkshire, until Dominic Ostler, aged 19, entered to play his second valuable innings for Warwickshire on successive days.
On Tuesday, Ostler made an

unbeaten 42 and the winning hit to round off the successful run took his side to the top of the

Yesterday, he went in with Warwickshire in serious trouble at 97 for five, after being put in on an unreliable pitch, and responded by reaching the first half-century of his career from 96 balls. He had hit ten fours in 61 before falling to the first ball after a stoppage for rain, ending a valuable partnership of 81 in 27 overs with the reserve wicketkeeper, Keith Piper, who was unbeaten with 31 as Warwickshire reached 207 for

seven.

David Bairstow, Yorkshire's long-serving wicketkeeper who has been dropped for this game, said he was "devastated" by the decision. "I have been made to

Britannic Assurance

county championship

# Taking cover: Jesty, of Lancashire, hits out forcefully against Tufnell yesterday Sussex are halted in solid start

WORCESTER (first day of three; Sussex won tass): Sussex have scored 55 for no wicket

RAIN, of which there has been no shortage this month, doused New Road yesterday. Even when the sun came out at tea-time, it was deemed to be too Sussex made slow but sure

cive to strokeplay. Let Hall putting on 55 for the first wicket from 27 overs. In this time, Worcestershire, whose last two championship matches were badly affected by the weather, gave their four me-dium pacers a bowl, without using Illingworth, the left-arm spinner, who was playing for the first time since fracturing a

thumb three weeks ago. He has, at least, plenty of time in which to find some form before the Benson and Hedges Cup final on July 14. With Worcestershire having won only one championship match this receive and that at the start of season — and that at the start of May — they are already focusing on the final.

# **Odumbe brothers** keep Dutch at full stretch

AGAINST all expectations, the Netherlands were struggling to survive against Kenya in a raindisrupted ICC Trophy semi-final match here yesterday. When a thunderstorm broke over the ground the Dutch, needing 203 to win, were 109 for four from 35.1 overs, with their main batsmen already out. There was no immediate abandonment but should the game be carried over it resumes

game be carried out today.

The ruling in this competition that unfinished games are restarted does not apply from the semi-final stage onwards. The winners of this match play either Zimbabwe or Bangladesh who meet in the second semi-final today. final today.

Edward Odumbe, one of three

brothers in the Kenyan side, took three wickets in an 11-over spell to reduce the Netherlands to 62 for three. A thick-set fast bowler, Odumbe soon had a Aponso, a left-handed Sri Lankan, held at slip and Gomes, a Guyanese, caught behind by the wicketkeeper. Clarke, formerly of Barbados.

and the third naturalised Dutch-man in the side, hit two sixes in a forceful display before he was bowled at 62.

and Lefebvre stopped the slide but just before the storm. Le-Febvre was leg-before against an off break from Maurice Odumbe. When play was inter-rupted the Netherlands still needed 94 to reach the final for the second successive competition.

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Bakker finished with six for 41 in the Kenyan innings and predictably found life simpler than bowling for Hampshre against Viv Richards at Southampton on Tuesday. It Southampton on Tuesday. It was after midnight when he reached the Dutch team's hotel but he said that this was less a problem for him than reverting to a matting pitch and bowling

without spikes.

He obtained both pace and bounce when he took three early wickets as Kenya slumped to 52 for five from 19 overs. He followed later with three more wickets in his last two overs. Lefebvre, of Somerset, took three for 39 and the Netherlands were well served by these two professionals from the county

Maurice Odumbe. Kenya's main batsman, batted attractively before he was fifth out. He moved forward to drive Lefebvre and had his off stump

# Exeter struggle against Durham

the most part, he scratched for

LIVERPOOL (Durham won toss): Exeter University have RAIN reduced play in the Commercial Union UAU final yesterday, leaving Exeter
University to face a considerable struggle. They resume
against Durham this morning at
99 for four, with 18 of their 60 overs remaining, needing to score at least another 100 runs to give their bowlers a reason-able safety margin.

Exeter's slow scoring was partly due to the pressure exerted by Durham's bowling and fielding, and partly to the slow saturated outfield as they struggled in grim conditions. Mac-Donald, the South African bonaid, the South Arrican seamer, was particularly effective, bearing the bat regularly through his 21 overs and extracting venomous bounce.
Only Wight, with a dour innings, resisted for any length of time. He played few strokes of

the most part, he scratched for his score, scampering singles superbly. He was out two short of a half-century after mistiming a drive to mid-on off Boiling.

The earlier batsmen made a sad procession. Hill survived several half-chances early on but became MacDonald's first victim, sending a top edge looping to square leg. Mould played all round Wasim's straighter ball, and Baldwin edged MacDonald's away swinger to gully before the rain struck again.

It was, in fact, a miserable swansong for Wasim. This will be the former Pakistan Test player's final match at any level

player's final match at any level after a first-class career spanning
23 years. Age (he is 38) and
injuries suffered in an appalling
car crash last winter have contributed to his decision.
"I have really enjoyed this year at Durham [where he is

studying teacher training for a year]," he said yesterday. "Play-ing in the student team has kept

# Goldsmith the latest to ioin twin-century club

SECOND XI CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

mer Kent player now with Derbyshire, gave his old county an extensive reminder of his abilities when the sides met at Chesterfield in the most recently completed round of Rapid Cricketline second XI championship matches. Goldsmith, who scored 109

and 163 to set up victory by 187 runs, provided the fifth instance in the championship this season of a batsman scoring a century in each innings and he must be hoping that his performance jolts the memories not only of his past employers but also his

Since scoring more than 1.000

first-class runs in his first season with Derbyshire two years ago,

STEVEN Goldsmith, the for- Goldsmith has found first-team appearances increasingly rare. This season be has played only intermittently in the Britannic Assurance champio

> Tony Middleton, of Hampshire, who has twice scored twin centuries this season, made his ninth score of 90 or more in all matches for the county this summer when he took 93 off Essex at Colchester Had Middleton reached a century, it would have been his sixth of the season in the championship.

Jason Gallian, who captained Young Australia against Young England earlier this year, re-turned match figures of nine for 115 for Lancashire against Glamorgan at Cardiff.

# Less than noble deeds at Lord's

By SIMON WILDE

UNLIKE most visiting teams to England. New Zealand have often been a disappointment at Lord's, the headquarters of the game, where the second Test missed for 47 and 74, the match for 29 from 24 overs two of the most elegant players may torment New Zealanders. New Zealand has produced. In game, where the second Test match with England starts to-day. Rather than being inspired by the famous surroundings, they have often been intimi-Botham (11 for 140 in 1978) dated; rather than being galvanised to great deeds, they have sometimes been grue-

Their 10 appearances have resulted in five defeats and five draws. In winning, England have always done so in less than five days' play, and in 1958, when New Zealand were dis-

occupied only 11½ hours. Laker's match figures on that occasion of nine for 29 from 24 overs may torment New Zealanders, but they are not England's best against them on the ground. Both Underwood (11 for 70 from 60.3 overs in 1969) and Bothery (11 for 140 in 1978)

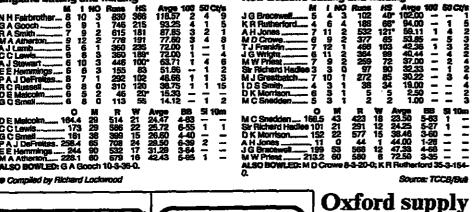
have reaped greater rewards.

Although crushed in defeat,
New Zealand can point to some

the first match Martin Donnelly scored 206 and in the second Martin Crowe struck 106. On one occasion, New Zea-

land came dangerously close to winning a Test at Lord's before ruining the chance by their own hand. In 1973, with 130 minutes worthy draws. In their first Test in England, in 1931, their escape act, after conceding a first-innings lead of 230, was so impressive that two further Tests were added to the itim-

## FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES OF TEST TEAMS







## Oxford supply majority of the batsmen

THE strength of the Oxford University batting this season is reflected in the make-up of the combined Oxford and Cambridge side to play the New Zealanders at Fenner's from June 27 to 29.

JULIE 27 TO 29.
TEAM: J C M Allómeon (Cambridge, captain), S P James (Cambridge), R E Morris (Oxford), M J Kilbern (Oxford), G J Turner (Oxford), M A Createy (Oxford), W van der Merue (Oxford), R J Turner (Cambridge), P S Garzass (Oxford), R A Pyman (Cambridge), A J Buzza (Cambridge).

● The Refuge Assurance League match at the Newport Athletic Ground on Sunday will be the last game to be played on the ground by Glamorgan, ending a 60-year association. The ground has been sold to Gwent County Council to build a new school. • Durham have preferred the Durham have preferred the West Indian opening batsman, Phil Simmons, to the West Indies Test player, Richie Richardson, as their overseas professional for the Natwest Trophy match against Lancashire at Old Trafford on June 27.

# Worcs v Sussex WORKESTER (Brist day of three: Sussess won toss): Sussess have scored 55 for no wicket symbol Sussess First lavings N J Lenham not one 127

Lancs v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Lancashire have scored 91 for two wickets against Middlesex

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

MEDIOLESEX: D.L. Haynes, M.A. Roseberry, "M. W. Gatting, M. R. Ramprakash, K. R. Brown, P.C. R. Tufnell, †P. Farbraca, N. F. Williams, J.E. Emburey, S.P. Hughes, A.R.C.

Gloucs v Hampshire GLOUCESTER (that day of three; Hamp-shire won toss); Gloucestershire have scored 54 for two wickets against Hampshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First train
"A J Wright c Connor b Marshall ...
G D Hoogson not out
I P Butcher b Connor
C W J Athey not out
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 2) 

HAMPSHEE V P Terry, C I. Smith, T C Middleton, D I Gower, "M C J Nicholes, M D Marshall, †R J Parks, R J Maru, † M Tremiett, C A Coenor, K J Shine. Bonus points: Gioucestershire 0, Harppshire 0.

Leics v Derbyshire LEICESTER (first day of three; Leicester-shire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 244 for five wickets against Derbyshire 

J Whitster not out
J Whitster not out
P Wiley c Miler b Goldsmith
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J D R Benson c Adams b Miller
W K M Benjamin not out
Extras (b S. lb S. nb 9) Total (5 wkts, 86 overs) ... †P A Nixon, J P Agnew, A D Multally and L B Taylor to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-67, 3-73, 4-146, 5-163. DERBYSHIRE: "K J Barnetz, P D Bowler, J E Mortis, A P Kulper, B Roberts, C J Adams, † K M Kritken, S C Goldsmith, G Miller, M Jeen-Jacques, A E Werner, Bonze points: Leicesterstire 2, Derby-shire 2, Umphree: K E Patter and B Heesen. championship table

Total (no wkt, 27 overs) "P.W.G.Parter, A.P.Welfs, M.P.Speight, C. M. Welfs, A.I.C. Doderneide, A.C.S.Pigon, †P. Moores, R. A. Bunting and I.D. K. Sallebury to bat. WORCESTERSHIRE TS Curts, P Bent, G A Hick, I T Botham, D B D'Oliveira, "P A Nesse, P J Newport, 15 J Fihodes, S R Lampitt, S M McChean, R K Mingworth, Bossus points: Worcestershire 0, Sussex

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder. Somerset v Glam

BATH (first day of three; Somerset won toss); Somerset have scored 95 for one wacket against Glamorgan SOMERSET; First Imnings .... Extras (lb 5, nb 2) FALL OF WICKET: 1-22.

GLAMORGAN: "A P Butcher, H Morris, G C Holmes, M P Maymard, I V A Richards, R D B Croft, N G Cowley, "C P Metson, S J Dennis, S L Walten, S Bastlen, Bonus points: Somerset D. Glamorgan O. Umpires R Julien and N T Plews.

**Notts v Surrev** 

TRENT SRIDGE (Inst day of three: Surrey won toos: Surrey, with eight first-limings wickets in hand, are two runs ahead of Notinghamshire |

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings |

B C Broad C Thorpe b Robinson | 30 |

J R Martindale low b Bickmel | 00 |

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Johnson b Murphy | 10 |

D W Rendall C Ward b Bickmel | 24 |

F O Stophenson b Younus | 0 |

M G Field-Buses buy b Bickmel | 0 |

K E Cooper C Ward b Bickmel | 7 |

K Saussity c Thorpe b Bickmel | 0 |

J A Afford not out | 0 |

Extras (b 1, b 13, w 1) | 15 |

Total (37.2 overs) | 100

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-22, 3-54, 4-64, 5-73, 6-79, 7-80, 8-97, 9-97. BOMLING: Yourks 15-3-29-3; Bicknell 14-2-4-34-5; Murphy 4-1-9-1; Robinson 4-2-14-1. 

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H

# YESTERDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND OTHER SCOREBOARDS **Britannic Assurance**

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Yorks v Warwicks SHEFFIELD (first day of three; Yorkshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 207 for seven wickets against Yorkshire

WARWICKSHRIE: First Irrings
A J Moles e Blatey b Hertley
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"D A Reeve low b Moxon
R J Twose c Blatey b Hartley
D P Oster c Carrick b Gough
A A Donald not out Extres (b7, w 1, rb 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ 15
Total (7 wids, 82 overs) \_\_\_\_\_ 207
J E Benjamin and T A Munton to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS; 1-33, 2-33, 3-33, 4-86, 5-97, 6-118, 7-189.

YORICSHIRE: "A D Moson, A A Metcalle S A Kellett, K Sharp, †R J Bialoay, P E Robinson, P J Harley, P Carrick, C S Pickles, P W Jarvis, D Gough, Bonus politic Yorkshire 3, Warwickshire

Cambridge U v Kent FENNER'S (first day of three; Cambri University won toss;: Kent have so: 329 for three wickets against Cambri University

Other matches

KENT: First Innings
S G Hinks flow b Lowney
N R Taylor c Pyman b Buzza
G R Condray at Turnin b Lowney
C S Cowdray not out
M V Reming not out
Extras (b 1, b 5, w 5, nb 1) Total (3 wicts) 325 †\$ A Marsh, R M Stison, R P Davis, T A Marrick, N J Liong and A P igglasden to FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-144, 3-225. CAMERIDGE UNIVERSITY: S P Jerres, F Heep, M J Lowrey, "J C M Attinson, M J Mortis, G Hulchinson, R A Pyman, 18 J Turner, A J Buzza, D H Shutlisbotham, R H J Jentins.

Umpires: G | Burgess and B J Mover.

UAU final

LIVERPOOL (Durham won toss): Exster
University have scored 93 for four wickets
against Outhurn University
EXETER UNIVERSITY
R M Wight o Elison b Bolling 48
G S Hill c Keey b MacDonald 21
R Mould b Washin Rais 0
P J A Beldwin c Longley b MacDonald 13
G Scorell not out 6
D J Clark not out 6
Extras (b 4, sb 1) 5
Total (4 store 42 come) Total (4 wids, 42 overs) 99
"M Barter, A M Smith, R K Brooks, P
Snelling, 1J A G Waters to bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-45, 3-80, 4-DURHAM UNIVERSITY: "R S M Morts, S G Evans, J L Longley, Wasim Raja, C L Keey, J R C Daion, TW M R Balley, B C Effaon, R H MacDonald, J Bolling, Sanjay Patel

ICC semi-final S Gueta run out.

Umpires: K Hopley and WT Robins.

Maurice Odumbe b Lefebyre
L Titolo b Bakker
A V Karin c Clarte b Lefebyre
†M Kanil c Van Oosterom b Lefebyre
Martin Odumbe c De Lesce b Bakker
E Odumbe c Ruskamp b Bakker
"T Titolo c Gomes b Bakker
A Njoroge not out
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 13) Total (58.4 overs) .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-17, 3-35, 4-36, 5-52, 6-167, 7-168, 8-175, 9-199,

BOWLING: Van Troost 12-2-49-0; Balder 11.4-2-41-6; Lefabyre 12-2-39-3; Duffer 11-1-38-0; Aponso 7-3-9-0; Lubbers 8-0-18-0.

Total (4 wkts, 35.1 overs) "S W Lubbers, A P van Troost, R van Costerom, E Duifer and PJ Bakings to bat, FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-15, 3-62, 4-108.

Umpires: † Robinson (Zimbabwe) and S Aboul Ahad (Bangladesh).

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A gifted former tennis champion decides she cannot settle for life among the also-rans

# Mandlikova singles out wounded pride for decision to quit

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motivation is not there. I'm an orange without the juice." Mandlikova walked away

once before, taking several months off in 1988 in an effort

to rekindle her affection for the game. Her success since

returning would have satisfied many; she finished last year with the US Open doubles

title and a singles ranking of 14. But it fell short of her own

"The last 18 months I've been working very hard to come back, and it didn't pay

off the way I wanted it to, like

HANA Mandlikova, who was beaten by Raffaella Reggi, an Italian ranked No. 22 in the world, in the Pilkington Glass tournament at Eastbourne on Tuesday, yesterday announced she will retire after the Wimbledon champion-ships. Although she will continue to play doubles, her singles career is over.

The winner of four grand siam titles, and considered one of the most graceful and gifted players of the Open era, she feels, at 28, that she has been squeezed dry and can no longer tolerate defeat by brash

young opponents.
"I have been a champion in
the past and I'm too proud to
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# coming back to the top five, and that's very difficult to Krickstein could miss Wimbledon

THE Direct Line Insurance Open in Manchester was re-duced to an agonising and prolonged game of patience yesterday by heavy. More than five hours of play was lost.

With the singles programme now well behind schedule, the organisers have been forced to take the unprecedented step of moving one of the first product.

moving one of the first round doubles matches to the nearby Bramball indoor stadium. Yesterday's heavy skies could not have come at a more demoralising time for officials

and spectators alike for, on the previous evening the No. l seed, Aaron Krickstein, was forced to withdraw because of an injury to his racket arm. Krickstein was trailing 4-6, 0l, to Aki Rahunen, of Finland, in a first round match when he aggravated an injury which he had sustained during an ex-

hibition match in the Netherlands a month ago. It now seems unlikely that Krickstein will be able to play at Wimbledon next week where he has been seeded eighth in the men's singles.
"I cannot see that I will be able to play because, at the moment, I can't even practise,"

Alex Antonitsch, the No. 7 seed from Austria, was surpris-ingly defeated by Kelly Jones, of the United States, 6-3, 7-6. Second round: K Jones (US) bt A Antonisch (Austrie), 6-3, 7-6; C Van Reneburg (SA) bt P Kulmen (WG), 6-3, 6-3; E Jolen (WG) bt G Mixier (SA), 7-6, 7-5;

lose to," she said. "That's why take," she said. "I don't think I'm walking away. The I can win any grand slam tournaments any more, and basically that's why I've been

playing tennis all my life." The one title that has cluded her is Wimbledon, although she reached the final in 1981 and 1986. "If there was one regret in my whole career it would definitely be Wimble-don," Mandlikova said. "But there have been nice moments, and winning the French Open when I was 18, winning the Australian Open twice and being the last winner on grass at Kooyong are

say that beating Chris and Martina at the US Open in 1985 was the greatest moment of my tennis career, for sure." Samanha Smith made her Britain Federation Cup team seem even more absurd yesterday when she defeated Reggi 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, and was then far from disgraced as she was beaten 6-3, 6-2 by Martina Navratilova.

She served superbly against Reggi, a finalist last year, and employed clay-court tactics to rally resolutely from the baseline. Against Navratilova, she remained positive; rather than hammering the ball without thought or purpose, she placed it well with skill and imagination.



Jump in class: Smith, who beat Reggi earlier, at full stretch against Navratilova

**FOOTBALL** 

# Hibs are offered new venue

By KERRY GILL

EDINBURGH district council yesterday offered Hibernian football club, which is the subject of a takeover bid by Heart of Midlothian, the use of its Meadowbank stadium, the former venue of the Common-

The ruling Labour adminwould look sympathetically at Hibs playing at Meadowbank, a move that would clear the way for the club to redevelop its ground at Easter Road, and ensure the future of two Edinburgh premier division clubs.

Mark Lazarowicz, leader of

the Labour group, said the idea was still a "tentative proposal". The takeover bid, launched by Wallace Mercer, chairman of Hearts, earlier this month, has caused bitterness in the Hibs boardroom and anguish among fans who foresee the end of their club after more than 100 years.

The offer of an alternative ground could help Hibs financial position by freeing the Easter Road ground for a change of use. Meadowbank would have to be upgraded for premier division football, but could be ready for use in the 1991-1992

Season.

Jim Gray, managing director of Hibernian, said: "This is a very welcome proposal by local politicians. We will now be politicians. We will now be seeking a meeting with them to go into details. They are showing great vision and this could lead to a major development for Meadowbank which will be to the benefit of Edinburgh." Lazarowicz offered to meet

Mercer over his plans for a new stadium on the outskirts of Edinburgh. The stadium, part of a proposed £200 million commercial, leisure and recidental development within residential development within residential development within the green belt, is likely to be opposed by the district council and Lothian regional council.

Lazarowicz said: "Mr Mercer has to recognize that planning policies cannot be torn up just for his benefit. Nor is it right that one man can destroy decades of footballing tradition through his unpopular plan to merge the two clubs."

Oueen's Park Rangers have

© Queen's Park Rangers have agreed a fee of £450,000 with Chelsea for Crive Wilson, aged 29, the midfield player. He will sign when he returns from his honevinoon next week.

## Britain not in the hunt court, and all competitors must

out of 12 in the world goalball championships at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada (a Special Corres-

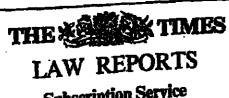
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GREAT Britain finished tenth In Britain, between 30 and 40

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HOCKEY

run of successes in the BMW seven nations tournament here under trying circumstances.
The early minutes were frustrating for Australia, whose centre-half. Birmingham,

surprisingly took the keat in the seventh minute. Ignacio Escude ran through on his own and set up a chance for Usoz to score. After the Spanish goalkeeper

## IN BRIEF Halifax's reprieve

HALIFAX, the rugby league ciub, were granted a "stay of execution" yesterday, and hope to convince a court tomorrow that they should be allowed to carry on next scason. Winding-up proceedings against the club were adjourned for seven days at the Company's Court in

Landon. Mr Registrar Buckley post-poned hearing a cumpulsory winding-up petition brought by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue over a £100.463 debt. The delay will allow the hearing at Leeds tomorrow of an application for the making of an administration order, which would enable the club to

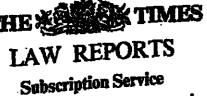
Getting near

Chris Wilkinson, of Hampshire, and Stephen Botfield, of Essex, are one match away from winare one match away hour ning a place in the main draw at Wimbledon on Monday after yesterday winning their fifth successive qualifying matches,

## Firmer rule

Applications for boxers outside

Only three players, a right wing, left wing and centre, are allowed on a court at one time. They score by rolling the goalball into the other team's net The defence attempt to block the fast shots and then become the offence, with eight



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# Australia extend their run minute, Stacy a substitute run-ning through on the right and back-passing to Stephen Davies,

in the tenth minute a number of Australian attacks were repelled

by the Spaniards, who had settled down to playing attrac-

The Australian defence was under stress in the thirtieth minute when Evans conceded a

From Sydney Friskin

yesterday with a victory over Spain, but they had to push up their workrate to achieve it

missed the target badly from the penalty spot. Matters looked bleak for them when Spain surprisingly took the lead in the

steadily gained control and lev-elled the score in the 43rd

short corner for obstruction, injuring himself in the process.

A high scoop by Ignacio Escude, however, was brilliantly saved by Dreher. The first half ended phen Davies across the face of

second half began with a short corner for Australia, but their attempts at indirect conversion failed to materialise. They

tournament. With the skies darkening the

AUSTRALIA: L. Dreher; M. York, C. Davies (capt), A. Carey, W. Birmingham, D. Events (sub.) J. Stacy), S. Davies, D. Wansbrough, M. Hager, G. Peld, G. Corbitt.
SPAIN: M. Rovins; J. Malgotta, J. Iglesias, G. Mile, E. Fabregas, X. Escutie, M. Gardis, I. Escutie, P. Justrala; S. D. V. Pio, P. Gardia, P. Usoz.
Liganiana, A. G. Paren Erroll, P. Landana

Umpires: A S Baura (Ind) and P Elders (Nein).

52nd minute because of a heavy downpour and was resumed after ten minutes. In the 56th minute Reid scored for the

Australians from a centre by Stephen Davies and they went on to achieve their third successive victory. They are the only team with full points and

## **POWERBOATING**

# **Hoverspeed on course** to collect Blue Riband

By MALCOLM MCKEAG

HIGH swell and bleak weather. with the forecast of worse to come, were yesterday hindering Hoverspeed Great Britain, claimed to be the world's fastest ferry, on the first day of her attempt to wrest the Blue Riband of the Atlantic from the United States.

The 230ft wave-piercing cata-maran passed the Ambrose Light, off New York, at the start of her journey shortly after midnight yesterday, starting the clock on her attempt at 00:31

To beat the record, held since 1952 by the liner SS United States, she must arrive at Bishop Rock, off the Scillies, before noon BST on Saturday. By 15:00 yesterday Hover-

ATHLETICS

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SPEEDWAY

speed was past the southern tip of Nova Scotia, having covered

the first 500 miles of her journey in just over 14 hours at an average of 35.25 knots, slightly below the pace of 35.59 knots set by her illustrious predecessor.

ut well on schedule.
As the ship's four 3,600 kilowart diesel engines consume their way through her 200-ton fuel load, her pace will gradually increase to her normal operating speed of 37 knots.

The rough sens she is facing

have caused her master, Captain John Lloyd, to slow slightly, although a feature of the design of the new ship is her ability to ride smoothly through seas which might seriously slow a conventional catamaran.
Curiously, the weather she and her crew are experiencing is remarkably similar to that logged for the first part of the SS United States's record run.

# POLO

# **Cowdray Park**

THE quarter-finals of the Guards Club's Royal Windsor Cup, for which an original entry of 25 teams was registered, opened at Smith's Lawn yesterday with a duel between two
of the most-spectacular quartets
in the tournament, Cowdray
Park and Brent Walker.

Cowdray, a somewhat betterbalanced side, had the best of were unluc-the first three chukkas. Their semi-finals. Argentine No. 3, Tomas Ezcurra and Paul Withers, at back, being prominent, and they were up 3-1 at treading-in time. However, the fourth and fifth

However, the fourth and fifth chukkas were essentially Brent Walker's, with the only goals coming from their mallets.

This was because of the brilliant central partnership formed by Joe Henderson, of South Africa, and William Lucas. Despite zealous marking by the Cowdray players, Henderson made a neat dribbling gallop

(6). 3 R Gonzalez (7) back P Cowdry (2).

SARAGENS: 1 A Bustanan (1), 2 A Hane (6), 3 C Forsym (6), back J Green-Amyrage (2).

FRASERS: 1 G Roddick (1), 2 J Lucas (5), 3 M Aguerre (7), back C Emson (1).

CROOKED BRICH: 1 B Cormick (4), 2 Lord Tyrone (4), 3 C Keegan (5), back M Keegan (2).

ROWLES: 1 C Melia (1), back R Guess (2).

Walker, Nevertheless, Cowdray BRENT WALKER: 1 W Roberts (3), 2 W Lucas (5), 3 J Handerson (6), back D Flynn

COWDRAY PARK: 1 C Pearson (2), 2 C Fraser (2), 3 T Ezcurra (6), back P Wethers

# Par dissatisfies Henry

Audi Open at Olching, near Munich, yesterday with a par 72, then headed for the practice

"I'm working to get my hands further forward at impact." Henry said. "That gives a more consistent strike."

A fairway eight-iron shot from 170 yards at the 18th had been Henry's immediate cause of anxiety. The shot went through the green and Henry could not get his chip close. He

Sieve Chadwick, one-time assistant at Burghley Park, Stamford, now a teaching professional at Tietlingen, near Hanover, had a morning three-under-par 69, establishing a two-stroke lead, before torrential rain and lightning temporarily belted play

## FOR THE RECORD

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Chadwick 54; Notthamptonshire 255-2 (A. L.
Pentherity 118 not. out. P. J. Berry 75).
Northamptonshire won by 8 stokes.

THE PARKS: Witshire 256-4 (S. Perrin 76 not.
out., D. R. Tumer 76) v. Oxford University.
NCA COUNTY CAMAMPCIASSIMP: Herefordshire 145, Warweckshire 146-3 (A. Hunt. 68, J.)
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Oxford (History 163, J. Faster 63), Suzion 239-NATIONAL LEAGUE: Choimnail Reds 4, Adente Graves 2 and 0-3; Chicago Cutis 2, Montreal Expos 1; New York Mets 6. St Louis Cardinels 0; Philadelpris Philips 2, Pittaburgh Prettes 1; Los Angelles Docques 5, Houston Astroe 1; San Diego Padres 4, San Francisco Glarits 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 7, Calland Ashieles 8; Cleveland Indians 5, Balance Ashieles 8; Cleveland Indians 5, Balance Ashieles 8; Cleveland Indians 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 2, Saettle Marthers 1; Texas Rangers 5, Minnasota Tulins 4; New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 5, Paga 4, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 5, Paga 5, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 6, New York Yarintes 5, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 6, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 6, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 6, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 7, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 6, New York Yarintes 5, Minnasota Turins 7, New York Yarintes 7, New York Yarintes 7, New Yo

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 127, London Paris 103: Essex 131, Linconshire 136: Hampehire 107, Chd Service 139; Kont 104, Surrey 109; Witshire 76, West Glamor-gan 113. BRITISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Cradley Heath v Coversy. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pools 69, Ipswich 37; NBION KAPROS 45, Berwick 49. BELVER HELMET: Boyce bt Louis (holder) "CHOOLS MATCHER: Berchoya Beak Re-call Sami-hasi: Woodhouse Grove 142. urham 143-5, Berchoya Basis U-17 Cup-relaced Quarter-Rack Husspierpoint 118, lagicaphe GS 84. Other metales; MCC 227-"Suson Valence 231-5; Gentlemen of ucessrahire 135, "Wellngborough 138-2, "denoted home team

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bt D Bodhe (SA), 3-8, 7-5, 12-10; S Mantsuckt (Japan) bt S Krugher (SA), 8-3, 8-1; T Wroccinidae (Aus) in M Kall (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 7-8, 1 Lauch (US) bt B Talbot (SA), 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 D Dier (SA) bt Januaro (Sala), 6-0, 6-2 K Flach (US) bt D Lavies (NUZ), 6-4, 6-1; B Dykes (Aus) bt B Durlin (NUZ), 4-8, 6-2, 6-3; G Recus (Fr) bt O Rahmasto (Fr), 6-4, 7-6, A Lacch (WG) bt S Vanualessan (India), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, M Ondrusid (SA) bt P Welsone (Ken), 6-4, 4-8, 6-7; R Smith (SA) bt P Segueso (US), 6-4, 3-8, 6-6; E Velez (Mato) bt M Ocastro (Peter), 6-4, 5-6, 6-3. Third rotack K Adhere (US) bt P Enchemency (Fr), 6-3, 6-3, Fleid (SA) bt R Bararests (Pol), 7-5, 8-1, ...

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Winth stage [Lerzenhaide to Unterlight, 1944mit 1, M. Argentin (to, 4m 4min Sistes; 2, W. Statz, Gentz), Irmin These benind; 3, M. Denies (Sen), State their, 4, J. Beid (d., 201; 5, M. Arope (Med.), same their, 8, D. Cateseni (d., 204, Beitieh and Iriah phacings: 12, 5 Kelly (to), 207; 45, S. Yulins (Sel); 51, F. Miller (SB), same then. Owner: 1, Kelly, Sibri Timin Tase; 2, Miller, 4 tage betind; 3, A. Hampston (MS), 1min 4 sec; 4, D. Seiger (Switz), 1:12; 5, Z. Jusicità (Pol., 2:17; 6, A. Kwaitwell (Nor), 3:08. Other British phacing: 78, Vains, 48:11. MOTOR RALLYING

# are overtaken

to narrow his team's deficit to 3 2; and Lucas (riding the brisk little bay mare. La Peluza, which he bought from the Moreno family) escaped twice to equalise then overtake at 4-3. In the last chukka Cowdray Park were almost routed, the final account being 6-3 to Brent were unlucky not to reach the

## **GOLF**

WAYNE Henry, a precocious said. "It was very disappointing 21-year-old with a great future, opened his attack on the £58,000

Henry emphasised the prize Henry emphasised the prize money here is of only passing interest. "What I'm after is one of those top-five places in the PGA European challenge tour order of merit that win a card for the European Tour," he said.

HET EIGEBURCH: British Tetacom Inter-rational One Design world championships Fourth mass 1, 3 Burnham (Fisher Island; 2, W Widnett (Rabbisheed; 3, H Matter (San Francisco): 4, P Simmons (Bermsda): 5, 3 Kenne (Bermsda): Beldel placing; 8, D MacDonald (Scotland), Fifth races 1, Kennes; 2, Widnett; 3, Burnham; 4, Metier: 5, C Crowfott (Porth East Harbour): Eighth plac-lag; 11, MecDonald, Owenit; 1, Winnal, 7, Spts; 2, Meter; 12,75; 3, Burnham 22,75; 4, J Leary (Long Island), 25; 5, Kempe, 31,75. British placing; 9, MacDonald, 41.

Poterti (W. Sussex), 6-1, 7-2; R. Hall
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6-1; R. Woodford (Durham) bit M. Routledge
(Reading), 6-1, 6-1; R. Draper (Loupthorough)
bi J. Green (Sheeffield), 3-4, 6-4, 6-2; A.
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6-1, 6-1; S. Perry (Steris Poly) bit K. Wyle
(Satis Perly), 6-3, 6-4; P. Whight (Manned) bit D.
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(Swenses) bit J. Summers (East Anglia), 6-2, 6-4; P. Brown (Manne State) bit A. Dewson (East)
(Stringli bit L. Sherwood (Stringlines), 6-3, 6-4; J. Williams (Minch), bit K. Harnson
(Loughborough) bit G. Bennerd (West London),
6-2, 6-2; S. Pege (Quider Poly) bit L. Hilme (St.
Alexis)
J. Hall (Marrick), 7-5, 6-4; S. Begrapai
(Swenses) bit W. Bishop (Newcaste), 6-1, 6-4.
Marysin bit J. Calland, 6-0, 6-1, Women: S.
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estiv and was third at the first mark, moved to second on the CYCLING

PRELLI CLASSIC MARATHON: Leading Positions after eight teste: 1. P Hopkirk (Cooper S), 44.04; squal 2, ft Casmons (MaSE), 5 Moss. (MSA), 44.52; 4, J Handley (Cooper S), 44.52; 5, J Coulter (Cooper S),

# Designing a more versatile boat

**YACHTING** 

for the Whitbread

AS THE Duke and Duchess of York presided at the prizegiving in London last night for the Whithread Round the Whithread Round the Whithread event, then compete in the BOC single-handed race the Bollowing winter."

The yachts will have a displacement of around 14 tons, two-thirds the weight of existing IOR designs of comparable size. The Times an exclusive insight into the type of yachts expected to contest the next race in 1993.

A 14-strong team of designers,

A 14-strong team of designers. will carry 2.5 tons of water bellast in side tanks and have a limited upwind sail area of around 200 square motores. Mainanis will be fully bettered to contest the next race in 1993. A 14-strong team of designers, including Humphreys, Ed Dubois. Tony Castro and Derek Clark from Britain, have been working on the parameters for an exciting new class of yacht, freed from the present speed-sapping restrictions.

Initially, the rules equate to a light displacement yacht approximately 60ft in length, but according to Humphreys, the formula can be expanded or reduced to produce various perform well only in as which may be assymetric, will be carried on a pole extending well forward of the bows. "Maximum beam will be set

yachts will carry a maximum draught of 3.7 metres to discourage extreme dosigns that perform well only in narrow speed bands," Humphreys said. The yachts will also carry a minimum crew of saven. reduced to produce various classes from 40 to 80ft overall. "These will certainly be excit-

ing yachts to sail and the proposed 60ft class has the

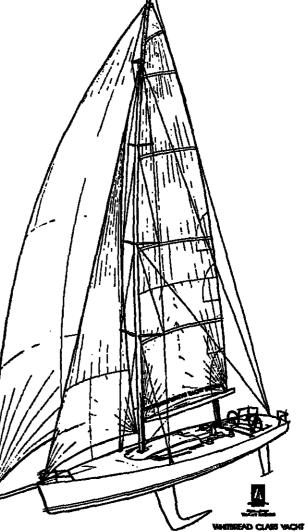
potential to best the existing 80ft maxis (drawn to the present

designers decide on a plumb or

The course for the next will be announced in Sep ber, once the new committee has negotiated with ports that have entered the bidding to become

80ft maxis (drawn to the present International Offshore Rule) particularly in the Southern Ocean," Humphreys said.

The proposed rule, which will be finalised in January by the Whithread sailing committee once the Offshore Racing Council, the world governing body, has had the opportunity to study the figures, will encourage yachts of between 59ft and 63ft overall, depending on whether designers decide on a plumb or Lest night David Pritchard-Barratt, the outgoing chairman of the race executive, confirmed calling at Punta del Este twice, before and after the Southern Ocean less, and at Fremantic, Australia. The New Zealand stop-over is a straight fight between Auckland and Wellington and in America, the choice ton, and in America, the choice raked bow.
"The object is to produce yachs with very similar performance characteristics," Hum-



Shape of the future: the first look at the new yacht Crew of Sprint rescued

By Barry Pickthall

TWO yachtsmen competing in the two-handed transatiantic race were plucked from their yacht by an RAF air-sea rescue yacht by an RAF air-sea rescue helicopter yesterday after their 35ft monbull Sprint was in danger of sinking 250 miles out in the Atlantic.

After refuelling at Cork, a crew from RAF Brawdy, in Wales, successfully picked up the crew at 1.55pm, 250 miles south west of the Irish coast.

The rescued yachtsmen. Jona-

The rescued yachtsmen, Jona-than Blain and Simon Chance, who were recovering from their ordeal at the Pembrokshire RAF base last night, first ran into trouble last week. The pair put

in to Crosshaven, Ireland, when their new Dehler yacht first sprang a leak. Sprint set out again on Sunday but turned back again on Tuesday.

The rescue authorities were alerted shortly after another British race crew were forced to throw in the towel after facing annalling weather in the north appalling weather in the north Atlantic since last weekend. Geoff Hales and his crewman

away from the Newport finish

Fujicolor, skippered by Mike Birch, were expected to reach the finish late last night, well ahead of the 13-day record set anead of the 13-day record set by Royale four years ago. At 10am yesterday, just three miles divided the two multihulls as they were near 180 miles of the finish, more than 200 miles ahead of Florence Arthaud's third-loged Pierre less third-placed Pierre ler. Another intriguing battle is developing for first place among the monobulls. Hunter's Child. the American BOC race entry skippered by Warren Luhrs was

Meanwhile at the front of the fleet Jean Maurel's French trimaran.Elf Aquitaine, and

suppeted to be little more than 1,100 miles from the finish yesterday, 50 miles ahead of Bertie Reed's South African yacht, Grinaker, followed by Robert Nickerson's Panic Major a fivither 50 miles astern jor, a further 50 miles astern. The biggest question mark however concerns the where-abouts of John Martin's rival BOC monohuli, Allied Bank, Stephen Moon sailing the 30ft The South African, who had monohull Minitech, were been ahead of Hunter's Child caught in a severe depression late last week, reported prob-which pushed them north east lems with his radio at the

weekend and has not been heard

## line for several days, Foster sails into form

GLEN Foster and Yankee-doo-GLEN Foster and Yankee-doodle Dandy were back on form yesterday with another race win at the Beefeater Gin Edinburgh Cup, the British open champonship for International Dragons, being sailed off Cowes (Malcolm McKeag writes). The American started mod-

first reach and was at the front by the end of the second heat.
Terry Wade came thirteenth yesterday, dropping from sec-ond to fifth overall.

RESULTS: Fourth recet 1, Yanken-doods Dendy (G. Foster); 2, Linkin Jack (F. Petten); 3, Domino IP Morton); 4, Mayfly ( Williams); 5, Sandpiper (N. Streeter); 6 Ganymete X. (A. Cassell), Decalit ( Foster); 2, Williams; 3, M. Hayes; 4, Cassell 5, T. Wade; 6, Morton.

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# Robson puts faith in healer

From Stuart Jones, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, **CAGLIARI** 

ON THE eve of England's closing tie in the first round of the World Cup finals, Bryan Robson has summoned a faith healer in a belated and improbable attempt to regain his fitness. Olga Stringfellow has been flown here at his own expense, and with the full cooperation of the Football

Unless the condition of his damaged right Achilles tendon improves considerably over-night, the captain will miss potentially England's last match in the tournament. They must beat Egypt to be assured of a place in the last 16 and to prolong Bobby Rob-son's career as the national

"it shows how badly he wants to play and how pas-sionately he cares about the destiny of the nation," Bobby Robson, the England manager, said yesterday. "It gives him another chance. I don't know how it works but, if it does, we'll all jump up in the air. He believes she does something for him."

A totally unexpected recovery from injury earlier this season provided Bryan Robson with convincing evidence. After he had fractured a leg, he was advised that he would be out for between six and eight weeks. He visited the healer, trained two days later, and, within another ten days was fit enough to lead England.
"I saw the fracture on the x-

ray," Bobby Robson said. "Then, suddenly, it was gone. Whenever he's had problems, and he's had a mass of injuries over the last 18 months, he's gone to her, and it has worked every time. But I will make the decision as to whether or not

That will be based not only on the medical opinion of the team doctor and the physiotherapist. He will have to show me that he can check, turn and sprint 50 yards, and keep doing that for 15 min-utes, before I will be convinced that I can pick him."

Stringfellow, who is in her seventies, has treated Neil Webb and Mark Wright, two during the goalless draw other members of the England against the Netherlands last squad. She also treated Ian Saturday. In compensating for Wright, the Crystal Palace a wounded toe on his left foot, forward, who recovered suf- he stretched the tendon on the ficiently from a broken leg to other foot, and felt it tighten-be selected as a substitute in ing during the first half. The the FA Cup final against toe has healed, but he has been Manchester United last unable to train this week, and

Bryan Robson was injured available.

CAGLIARI (Reuter) - A

match against England tomor-

row. the Egyptian coach, Mahmoud El Gohary, said yesterday. "We want fair play and harmony," El Gohary



Centre of attention: Lineker, the England forward who has a toe injury, is besieged by autograph seekers and the media at Pula yesterday



More World Cup football, pages 38 and 39

Egypt hoping for harmony

He said he was not con-

play, it will not weaken the side. They have many good players to replace him."

The midfield player, Magdi

Abed El Ghani, said Egypt had

Bobby Robson is resigned to being without his captain, and indicated how influential he is when he considered the prospect of the decisive fixture. "There will be no lack of heart but, I tell you, I wish the skipper was there," he said.

He believes that Egypt, who held the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands to a draw, will be equally defensive against England. "If their manager gets another draw he will be a hero. If we get a draw I will be satisfied only if it means that we qualify," he

Should both of the fixtures in group F finish in identical draws, the outcome will be decided by a lottery. It will be staged live on television a quarter of an hour after the games have finished here and in Palermo.

# Uruguay have one last chance to make mark

URUGUAY, one of the big disappointments of the World Cup so far, have one last chance to save face and earn a place in the second round. Anything less than a victory against South Korea in Udine this afternoon will see the South Americans eliminated from group E.

The Uruguayans have found it difficult to make the transition from their physical approach of four years ago to a slicker, more attacking style less reliant on raw power. After opening the tournament with a 0-0 draw with Spain, the Uruguay tumbled to a 3-1 inst Beigium, Gutif which they were outplayed for long periods.

Despite having twice won the World Cup, Uruguay havenot won a match in the finals since 1970. They failed to win a game in 1974 and again in 1986. when they drew 1-1 with the

Netherlands, and would try to do the same again. "We want as heralding a new dawn. It The 1990 team was hailed features a number of bright young players, whose ball skills made the Uruguayans one of the favourites in Italy.

games came as a shock both to Oscar Washington Tabárez, the coach, and his team. South Korea, despite losing

both of their group E matches against Belgium and Spain. will not be a pushover. The Asian team counterattacks with balance and pace and its unorthodox approach can prove unsettling.

"All of our players feel under pressure," Tabarez said. They know that they have to win and that is not the ideal psychological condition going into an important match." Tabárez said he had emphasised to his team the lined South Korea's abilities.

"Every team has defects and virtues, but today I can only speak of South Korea's strengths: speed, determination and good tactics," he said. "The hardest thing for my team will be to remain

Tabárez said history was on his team's side. "History indicates the strongest teams have always won in the World Rubén Paz, the midfield

out of yesterday's press con-

ference on the eve of the

decisive match against the

critical on Irish television of

Charlton and his team's

performance against Egypt on

press conference

From CLIVE WHITE IN PALERMO

of Ireland manager, walked ask a question. You're not a

relished the chance to answer their critics with a win. "The nice thing about football is that it offers a second chance, and we will have ours against South Korea," Paz said.

Enzo Francescoli, the foward, said the team's spirits remained high. The important thing is to keep fighting until things work out," he

Under the complicated World Cup rules, the top two teams in each of six groups progress to the second round of 16 teams, along with the four third-place teams with ne desi records.

points is certain of advancing, as is any team which finished third with three points and a positive goal difference. A win would give Uruguay

three points - and a fighting chance, depending on results in other groups and how many goals the Uruguayans can score to improve their goal difference. South Korea face almost certain elimination. A win would lift them to two

proper journalist."

Dunphy, who writes for the

Sunday Independent, asked

Charlton what he meant by

that remark and Charlton

terested in football. You're

When Dunphy again asked

him what he meant, Charlton stood up and said: "End of

Dunphy, a panelist with Johnny Giles on RTE, had

described the Republic's performance as "embarrassing

story," and walked out.

and shameful".

replied: "These lads are in-

# Hadlee should brighten the gloom at Lord's

IF THE Lord's Test fails, this morning, to match its usual magical atmosphere of anticipation, various factors can be blamed. One is the look of the place; another is the uncertain weather. But a third, persuasive reason for viewing the coming five days with foreboding is that England's recent teams have turned their traditional headquarters into an accident black spot.

Of the last nine Test matches at Lord's, England have lost five while managing to beat only the international apprentices of Sri Lanka. The 1980s at Lord's were also laced with personal crises. Botham resigned as captain after the 1981 Test; Gower was dismissed in 1986; Gatting's sensational removal in 1988 gave the job to Emburey for just two matches; then, last year, came Gower's notorious walk-out from a press conference, confirmation of a developing torment.

It is as if England perversely choose to save the worst of their dramas for the best of all settings, except that the point does not apply on this occa-sion as one end of the grand old ground resembles nothing more than a giant Meccano set or, as an MCC official put it esterday with long-suffering humour, an adventure play-

The lengthy and well documented delay in completing building work comes home to roost today. Last year, the Lord's seating capacity was 22,000. Now, with the white screens up at the Nursery End as if to protect the patient from embarrassment, it is down to 17,500. Three days of this game are sold out but the potential shortfall on revenue is alarmingly high. The aesthetics of the occa-

sion are bound to suffer but, by way of compensation, Lord's has been able to lay on something special in the social stakes by having a knight to the party. Sir Richard Hadlee has been a busy man since news of his elevation was released and he practised shortly after breakfast in order to make a luncheon engagement. He will be on parade, fully fit as ever, this morning

Cricket is properly proud of its standing in high places and given his full title during the Hadlee's dignity and ability Lord's Test. Scorecards for the are so revered at Lord's that he match will show "Sir Richard can be assured of a deafening Hadlee" in the New Zealand

Lord's teams

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), M A Atherion, A J Stewart, A J Lamb, R A Smith, N H Fairrother, R C Russel, P AJ DeFreites, G C Small, E E Hemmings, D E Malcolm, C C Lawis.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wight (captain), T J Frankin, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greethetch, M W Priest, Sir Richard Hadise, J G Bracowell, I D & Smith, M C Seedden, D K Morrison, K R Smith, M C Seedden, D K Morrison, K R Reberter.

Umpires: O R Shepherd and M J Kitchen man he is, he will be intent on rather more than that.

In three previous Tests at Lord's he has never failed to take five first-innings wickets. This is a record he will wish to keep and, as his admiring captain John Wright mused yesterday, he may also have in mind a contribution with the

"Richard is one of the best timers of a ball I have seen."
Wright said. "He has never been able to devote so much attention to his batting, but this is just the sort of place he. will want to shine."

New Zealand have not lost a Test for 18 months and despite emerging on the wrong end of what little play which beat the weather at Trent Bridge, they seem sure to be unchanged today, Rutherford simply taking over from Jeff Crowe as twelfth man.

England have won only once in their last 24 attempts at home, but they too will keep the same side, providing this morning's pitch inspection does not persuade the selectors that Hemmings's off-spin is superfluous.

That, surely, would be a mistake, especially as Wright is favouring the idea of batting. last. He points out that New Zealand have done most of their winning by bowling on the opening day and sees no reason to buck the trend. But, if the ball is going to turn later. as it usually does at Lord's, England must retain Hem-

The player to take fullest advantage of England's ex-tended practice time yesterday was Allan Lamb, who is concerned about his shortage of recent innings and batted for two one-hour sessions in the nets. Alec Stewart, who needs a score far more urgently than Lamb simply in order to keep his place, did not linger so long but could hardly the helmet by Devon Maland can expect an ovation to colm, not quite what was remember long into his wanted for someone in dite need of confidence.

 Richard Hadiee is to be given his full title during the reception simply for walking on to the ground. Being the elevation.

# Match switches to help Test teams

COUNTY championship cricket is to be rescheduled England will be profoundly next season with the direct grateful for one effect of the purpose of assisting the change the end of the dreaded preparation of the England Friday evening dashes from

The long established routine of starting three-day matches on Wednesdays and Saturdays is being scrapped. Games will now begin on Tuesdays and Fridays, allowing England players two full days together before each Test

The Test team will be expected to gather on a Monday evening and practise together over the next two days. It is a change that under-standably delights the England team manager, Micky Stewart, who said yesterday: "Touring teams here have enjoyed a great advantage by having two spare days to prepare for each Test match. Now we will be

County cricketers around change, the end of the dreaded one venue to another in frenzied opposition with commuters and holiday traffic. It is a wonder that more cricketers have not been involved in accidents during this unseen and unloved ordeal.

An alternative, to start each Test match on a Friday, was rejected by the Test and County Cricket Board on the grounds that it could seriously diminish Test match receipts. • Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary, led a critical reaction. He said the move would upset spectators and sponsors and that the counties would lose money. "It is fait accompli by the [TCCB] exec-utive. We would have liked to have an oppportunity to put

# Rugby league status makes Clare ineligible

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JEFF Clare, the Northern right to compete in athletics. Counties discus champion, But the "peanuts" which he was yesterday declared ineliwas said by the Saiford secgible from competition by the British Amateur Athletic Board because of his professional status in rugby league. The decision is pending an investigation by his area association, the Northern Counties AA.

Clare had said after his registered as a professional, the board has taken action. Aged 25, he had forsaken a

retary, Graham McCarty, to have earned at his present club, conflicts with the rule book which declares ineligible anyone who has "become a professional in any other ath-

letic sport or game."
However, he is unlikely to be harshly dealt with. In northern title victory that he was "classed as an amateur"; but, following a report in The their trust funds, Mike Farrell. Times that the Rugby League the BAAB secetary, said: We and his club. Salford, had him are looking at it sympathetically because we recognize that it is a nonsense.

"The lad is heartbroken and potential lucrative career with hopefully he can continue to one of the country's glamour compete" Tony Ward, the clubs, Wigan, to preserve his BAAB spokesman, said.

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# Plotting the paths Charlton abandons to second stage

top two sides in each of the six preliminary groups, plus the be settled in the same way. four third-placed teams with

to make history and to win the game," he said. "If we win and

go in to the next round it will the greatest day in the history

of Egyptian football."

These latter teams will have their second-round matches determined by their first-round performances.

\*\*Example ROUND DRAW: Winner B. (Cameroon) v third A. C or D; second C; winner C v third A. Bor F; winner D (West Germany) v their second B. Eor F; winner A. (italy) v third C. D or E; second F v second B. (Romania); winner F v second B. (Vugoslavia).

For example, the winner of group B will play the third- Profitable year placed side in group A, C or D with the best record. If the third-placed sides in A, C and D all qualified for the second stage, the team to play the winner of group B would be

chel, Sanchis and Butragueño.

after their goalless opening

Cup match against Uruguay.

The outcome was the tour-

nament's first treble, for Mi-

Korea 3-1 to assure their place

Today, they hope to beat

Belgium, who have won both their matches, to finish top of

group E.
"We could not play any
worse than that Uruguay

match," Butragueño said.

"Changes were vital and we thrashed things out."

At the team meeting in the

Green Hotel at Magnano di

Riviera no holds were barred.

Górriz replaced Jiménez in delence, allowing Michel a

freer role to support his attack,

and Salinas took over from

Manolo alongside Butragueño

in the second round.

THE second stage of Italia '90 total. If points are equal, goal starts on Saturday and the 16 difference and goals scored teams taking part will be the would then come into play. JACK Charlton, the Republic saying: "You're not allowed to Third and fourth places will

been put into a development reserve for the Welford Road

forced the Spain manager, and Sanchis under orders to Luis Suarez, to change his side stay back and Michel follow-

Netherlands in group F because he refused to answer any questions from Eamonn Dunphy, a journalist. Dunphy, the former Republic international, had been

Leicester Rugby Union Club made a profit of £38,929 for the last financial year — an increase of £17,000 on the previous 12 months. A further £90,000 has

ing instructions to cover any

gaps. However, it was the recall of the tall, gangling

made the biggest difference,

The Belgium manager, Guy

Thys, is forced to reshuffle his

defence and will make at least

three changes from the side

which beat Uruguay 3-1.

Gerets, sent off against the

South Americans, misses the

match while Grun and

The normally cautious Thysis thinking of picking the

uncapped Staelens, who won

the Belgian championship

with Bruges this year. Albert is

in line for his first Cup match

Clijsters are both injured.

Dunphy never completed a question. Two minutes into the conference he asked: "Jack, in your experience...

Real trio ring Spanish changes Suarez had relied on a strict while Emmers is likely to be zonal defence with Chendo recalled for Clijsters. He and Sanchis under orders to played in the 2-0 win over stay back and Michel follow- South Korea but lost his place

to the veteran, Ceulemans,

against Uruguay.

Salinas, who plays for Real's Diego Maradona did not arch-rivals, Barcelona, that leave his room at the Argentine training camp near He is difficult to shake off the Rome on Tuesday, the day ball and his penetrating runs after his team drew 1-1' with set up chances for the rest of Romania in Naples to finish third in group B. He was resting a left ankle which took heavy punishment in stern tackling. severely curtailing his skills.

> But Carlos Bilardo, the Argentina coach, said he hoped Maradona would be fit for an expected last-16 encounter with Brazil in Turin on Sunday. "There's a sufficient margin of time and, anyway. Maradona has become a specialist in recovering," Bilardo said.

Sources said Maradona was angry at Argentina's failure to win the group, which would have allowed them to stay in his adopted city of Naples for a match with a third-placed team from another pool.

Though the second round pairings have not been completely settled, Argentina are 90 per cent certain to meet Brazil, top of group C after two less than convincing victories.

Argentina will be without Serrizuela, the defender, who who has a one-match suspension for two bookings. Bilardo could fill the gap with the 1986 veteran. Ruggeri, if he recovers from a groin problem.

Brazil, who beat Argentina 2-0 the last time they met. a year ago in the South American championship, would be clear favourites. Argentina have never beaten them in the

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